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Special to the "Telegraph"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO-DAY ORDERED EACH WARSHIP TO BE MANNED AT FULL WARTIME STRENGTH. HE ORDERED A SWEEPING REORGANIZATION AND A WHOLESOME SHAKEUP OF THE NAVAL HIGH COMMAND AND AUTHORIZED AN INCREASE IN THE ACTIVE ENLISTED STRENGTH FROM 192,000 TO 232,000.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, COLONEL FRANK KNOX, SAID HE WAS CREATING A THREE FLEET NAVY—ATLANTIC, PACIFIC AND ASIATIC, EACH UNDER A COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Italian Air Force In North Africa Is Smashed Up

("Reuter's" Air Correspondent)
LONDON, Jan. 8.—Italy's empire air force has suffered a damaging blow as Italy's land army, partly because it has been brilliantly out-manoeuvred by the R.A.F. and partly because of the brilliant staff work of the British navy, army, and air force.

Undoubtedly the Italian air force is being reinforced and re-fitted across the Mediterranean at the cost of big hazards but the history of its participation in the desert air war is one of growing failure.

FOOD TO HUNGRY SPAIN American Red Cross

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Conditions upon which the American Red Cross would send a cargo of wheat or flour to Spain to meet immediate civilian requirements have been communicated to the Spanish Government, states Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross.

If such a cargo were sent, it would presumably be a separate shipment and additional to the cargoes already announced as being sent to Europe. The conditions are not specified in the announcement made here, but it is believed that the American Red Cross is requiring assurances that it will be given complete freedom in handling supplies.

Free French Spitfires

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A Spitfire fund for Free French forces in Britain has been opened with £500. This sum was handed to General de Gaulle by the Association of Frenchmen in Britain. The first Spitfire to be purchased from the funds will be named "General de Gaulle."

Uncle Sam's People Face Heavier Taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Still increases in income tax and excess profits tax are predicted by officials as the immediate result of President Roosevelt's budget proposals.

Tax revenues under the present budget programmes will reach the highest point in American history, but nevertheless President Roosevelt recommended additional taxation. Ways and means, however, were left to Congress.

Tax experts consider income tax the most logical means of raising additional revenue.

Increases in gift and estate levies are also predicted. An increase of 500 in the number of "G-men" (Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation) to counter espionage and sabotage, is recommended in the budget. The strength of this body already equals the peak of the last war at 1,500.

Wall Street Unmoved

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The publication of Mr. Roosevelt's record budget aroused no marked reaction on Wall Street and the market took the news of the huge prospective expenditure with relative calm. Observers expressed some confusion over the budget's double implications of still higher corporation taxes and the enormous industrial activity which the defence spending must stimulate.

Desert aerodromes are particularly vulnerable as it is almost impossible to hide aircraft by dispersal. The strain on Graziani's air arm is shown

REGULUS OVERDUE

Considered Lost
LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The British submarine Regulus, (Commander F. B. Currie) is now overdue and must be considered lost, states the Admiralty. The Regulus was stationed in Hongkong for several years just prior to the outbreak of war.

BERGANZOLI ESCAPES

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—General Berganzoli, Italy's Blackshirt commander of the operations at Bardia, slipped through British fingers at the last moment after deserting his troops and leaving the regular commander to fight on. One of the Blackshirt commanders, who are stated to have deserted their troops, has been found with the bulk of his staff wandering north of Bardia.

THE AMY JOHNSON MYSTERY

Air Ministry Theory
LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mystery still surrounds the death of Amy Johnson, the famous British airwoman, who was drowned after bailing out of the plane which crashed in the Thames Estuary on Sunday.

It has now been established, states the Ministry of Aircraft Production, that when Miss Johnson left the airfield on Sunday morning, no passenger accompanied her. The weather report given her was bad and her parting words were "All right, I am going to the top."

This indicated that she proposed to fly over the bad weather with clouds below her.

Nothing more was seen of Miss Johnson's plane until it came down over the Thames Estuary. The machine carried sufficient petrol for a 4½ hours flight—the exact time between the take-off and the crash.

One Parachute Seen

Only one parachute was observed to leave the plane before it hit the water.

It is believed that Miss Johnson lost her course in the bad weather. After flying round for several hours, her petrol became exhausted and she finally bailed out over the Thames Estuary, possibly hoping to alight as near as possible to one of the vessels in the naval convoy.

Admiral James Richardson has been ordered to report to Colonel Knox for duty, the nature of which has not been disclosed. Colonel Knox said the reorganization, as far as it can be determined, will have no effect on the general setup. He explained that the fleet would hold the customary fleet manoeuvres in the spring time. The increase in enlisted strength also applies to the reserves. Secretary Knox said that as the fleet grows further increases will be made. All ships are in commission and are being kept at full war strength.

C-in-C. Pacific
Colonel Knox further announced that Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel is replacing Admiral James Richardson as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, and that he will also become Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleets. Admiral Richardson will report to the Secretary of the Navy for duties at present undisclosed. The present Atlantic patrol force, Colonel Knox said, now includes about 125 ships and the principal

Greeks Will Not Yield

Minister's Assurance
ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Whatever the circumstances the Greeks will not yield," declared the Press Minister, M. Nicoloudis, replying to New Year wishes from foreign correspondents.

He said, "Our great leader and premier General Metaxas, by his historic refusal on the night of October 28 to submit to Italian violence brought back a tired world to the realisation of duty, of dying for honour and liberty. The struggle continues and will be long and hard. We do not know what complications, what forces, what trials we shall have to face, but you can tell your countries and the world that the Greeks will not be afraid. They will not yield; they will fight on to the end and will conquer."

Tribute To Metaxas

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The creation of a third period of Greek civilization as a result of the victorious conclusion of the present war was predicted to-day by General Metaxas.

The occasion was the presentation to him of a bronze copy of the statue of Pallas Athena by Macho dating from the sixth century. Dismissing credit for creating Greece's moral strength, General Metaxas said that this strength had been dormant and was now re-awakened and given a forward impulse.

"The miracle that has been accomplished is the work of the Greek people. It is in this that its significance lies," concluded the Premier.

ENGLAND ADOPTS COMMUNAL KITCHENS

The system of communal kitchens during the present war has been adopted with outstanding success, especially in the large cities. A full dinner and sweets are served for sixpence. The majority of the people who use the kitchens have had their homes bombed, but they still carry on. In the lower picture is a charming study of the Queen, warming her hands over a stove while visiting a communal kitchen. With her is Lord Woolton, the Food Minister.



Only 600 Casualties In Capture Of Bardia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Jan. 8 (UP).—A General Headquarters communique states: "The concentration of our forces in the Tobruk area is continuing. The total British and Australian casualties, including those captured, are 600. Active patrolling continues on the Sudan and Kenya frontiers."

A further communique states that General Berganzoli and other officers are "still missing. The search is continuing."

Arabs Impressed

ADEN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—One result of the British victory at Bardia is the change of opinion in Britain's favour in the kingdom of Yemen, according to reliable reports received here. Many prominent people there are stated to have abandoned support for Italy in favour of Britain.

One indication of the general opinion as to the Italian defeat in the war is that the lire is nowhere accepted while sterling circulates freely.

Italian Communique

ROME, Jan. 8 (UP).—To-day's communique stated: "Patrols and artillery were active between Bardia and Tobruk. British planes raided various localities, including Tripoli, killing four and wounding ten. Italian planes tormented a British destroyer near El Sollum. Italian Naval units shelled the roads on the Greek-Albanian coast. Italians repulsed a Greek attempt to attack the

An Expert Debunks Rumanian Oil Tales

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—"Germany is not getting more than one-fifth of the available oil out of Rumania, according to figures I recently received, and now with the Danube frozen, I doubt whether she is getting one-tenth."

So declared Mr. H. G. Austin, who has just returned from Rumania where he was engaged for six years in the installation of petroleum equipment, speaking at the Fuel Luncheon Club in London. He said that the position in Rumania was much more favourable to Britain than they were led to expect.

The impression that Rumania is pro-Nazi and is helping the Germans in every way is quite wrong, and I am not surprised that there are conflicts there. I am quite sure that acts of sabotage will continue and increase, and that the Germans will be forced to send considerably more troops to keep the Rumanians down if they are to obtain any benefits from the resources of the country."

Lurid Reports Unconfirmed

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Something better light was shed on the situation in Rumania in a telegram received yesterday by the Foreign Office from the British Minister in Bucharest.

Spanish Envoy To Italy Recalled

Warned To Be Ready

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Spanish Ambassador to Italy, Senor Garcia Condey Mendez, has been recalled and has been told to hold himself at the disposal of the Spanish Foreign Office, says a Madrid dispatch to the "Stefani" agency. Senor Mendez became Ambassador to Italy in July, 1937, shortly after an Italian Ambassador had been accredited to General Franco's Government.

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Chief Scout Passes On

Nairobi, Jan. 8. Lord Baden-Powell, 83-year-old Chief Scout, died at Nyeri, Kenya, at 6.10 a.m. today. His conditions first gave rise to anxiety in November when he began to suffer from heart attacks and in the middle of the month his condition was described as critical. He pulled through but had been in ill health since.

Until he was 80 years of age Lord Baden-Powell retained his health and vigour to a remarkable degree. When it began to fail he built himself a bungalow on the slopes of Mount Kenya where with Lady Baden-Powell he made his home. He paid his last visit to England in May 1939.

A soldier who became famous in the South African war as a General, Baden-Powell became a world figure by founding the Boy Scout Movement in 1908. So great was the growth of the movement that in 1920 when the first jamboree was held in London 27 nations were represented and Baden-Powell was proclaimed Chief Scout of All the World.

Before his death the boy scouts and girl guides throughout the world numbered nearly 5,000,000.

Scouts in all parts of the world will attend synchronized services in memory of the Chief Scout. Imperial Headquarters have not yet decided whether the services will be held on January 12 or 10.

Baden-Powell will be buried at Nyeri tomorrow—Reuter.

Mrs J. E. Lauritsen

After an illness lasting two years, Mrs. J. E. Lauritsen, wife of Mr. C. Lauritsen, the Manager of the Dragon Motor Car Co., Ltd., died at her residence, 23 Blue Pool Road, Happy Valley, yesterday.

A funeral service was held at the Colonial Cemetery Chapel by the Rev. J. R. Higgins, vicar of St. Andrew's Church, later in the afternoon. The remains are to be cremated.

The chief mourner present was the husband. Others included Misses A. and D. Woods, Mrs. Winfield, Mr. J. C. Greenham, Miss P. Harrop, Mr. and Mrs. F. D'Almeida, and the staff of the Dragon Motor Car Company. Mrs. Lauritsen came from Seattle, America, and had resided in the Colony for over 20 years. She leaves two married sisters, one in California and the other in Manila.

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7 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

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8.03 Songs by Charles Kullman (Tenor).

Rose Marie (from the film); Lover, Come Back to Me (from 'New Moon'); Goodnight (from 'The Consul from Nowhere'); Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life (Herbert).

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 Concert Waltzes and Tangos.

9 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 Ravel—Introduction and Allegro for Harp with Strings and Woodwind Accompaniment.

Virtuoso String Quartet with J. Cockerill, R. Murchie and C. Draper.

9.40 Ellen Joyce (Piano) and Nathan Milstein (Violin).

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10.04 Georges Thill (Tenor) and Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.

10.28 Musical Comedy "He Wanted Adventure".

10.40 Songs and Company with Theatre Orchestra conducted by Joseph Tunbridge.

11 Close down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:

The market continues steady, prices being well held with the turnover on a somewhat smaller scale.

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DRAFT DODGERS TO PRISON—Union Theological Seminary students sentenced to a year and day in Federal prison for refusing to register under conscription law in New York. From left: William Lovell, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Richard J. Wichlow, Binghamton, N. Y.; Meredith Dallas, Grosse Point, Mich.; David Bellinger, Wakefield, Mass.; George M. Houser, Denver, and Don Benedict, Newark, N. J.

Fighting Spreads On Thailand Border

Singapore, Jan. 8. The Thai Consulate's communiqué states that, as further reprisal for the French bombing of Kammarat, Udorn and Nong Sapang, Thai planes bombed the military bases at Banampit, Samrong and Chongkai.

On January 5 French artillery and machine-guns at Savannakhet fired on Amphur and Mukdahan. Thai planes replied. The duel continued throughout the day.

On January 6 the French opened heavy fire on the Aranya and Prades sectors. The Thais replied, attacked and captured three guns and pursued the French between Aranya and Sisophon all day long. The Thais were assisted by thirty aeroplanes. The communiqué claims that the French suffered heavily in their retreat.—Reuter.

Intensive Air Activity
Hanoi, Jan. 8.

Intensive Thai air activity over Indo-China is admitted by military headquarters here but silence is maintained regarding the Bangkok claim that Poipet was occupied by Thailand forces on January 6.

Eleven Thai aircraft raided the Pakse area on the Mekong River. Six machines bombed the front lines about 25 miles from Pakse and five others dropped 20 bombs upon Pakse, 20 miles north of Pakse and also machine-gunned a field postoffice. The attacks caused no casualties.

An announcement says that nine Thai aeroplanes raided Stungtreng, northern Cambodia, on January 7 wounding one French Army surgeon and three natives. Machine-guns strafing attacks also took place on January 7 north of Savannakhet and Poipet, which Thai claimed to have captured.—Domei.

Violent Action on Border
Hanoi, Jan. 8.

Thai planes and artillery yesterday began violent action along the border near Thakhek, Savannakhet and Vientiane, maintaining the barrage for several hours and burning many huts. There were no casualties.

At the same time planes bombed Monkolborey, West Cambodia, and it is believed heavy damage was caused. Samrong and Sisophon in the same district were also raided.

French planes carried out revenge raids but the details are not yet known.

Denying the Thai claim of a penetration of 20 miles into West Cambodia, an official said the attacks were only hit-and-run and patrol activity. No resolute attacks had yet been made.

Some informed quarters believe that last night in a speech to the Cabinet the Governor-General, Admiral Decoux, said Indo-China would defend itself and retaliate against every Thai attack. These quarters believe there are chances of attacks on Vientiane where large Thai forces are concentrated, simultaneously with a drive toward Monkolborey and the Phnompenh railroad.

Authoritative quarters say that no goods formerly consigned to China will be allowed to be re-exported to Japan. The decision also affects American goods worth \$12,000,000.

The French plan to requisition the goods they need and pay the owners direct. Goods which the Customs consider were irregularly imported will be auctioned and the proceeds paid to the owners. The remaining goods will continue to be detained.

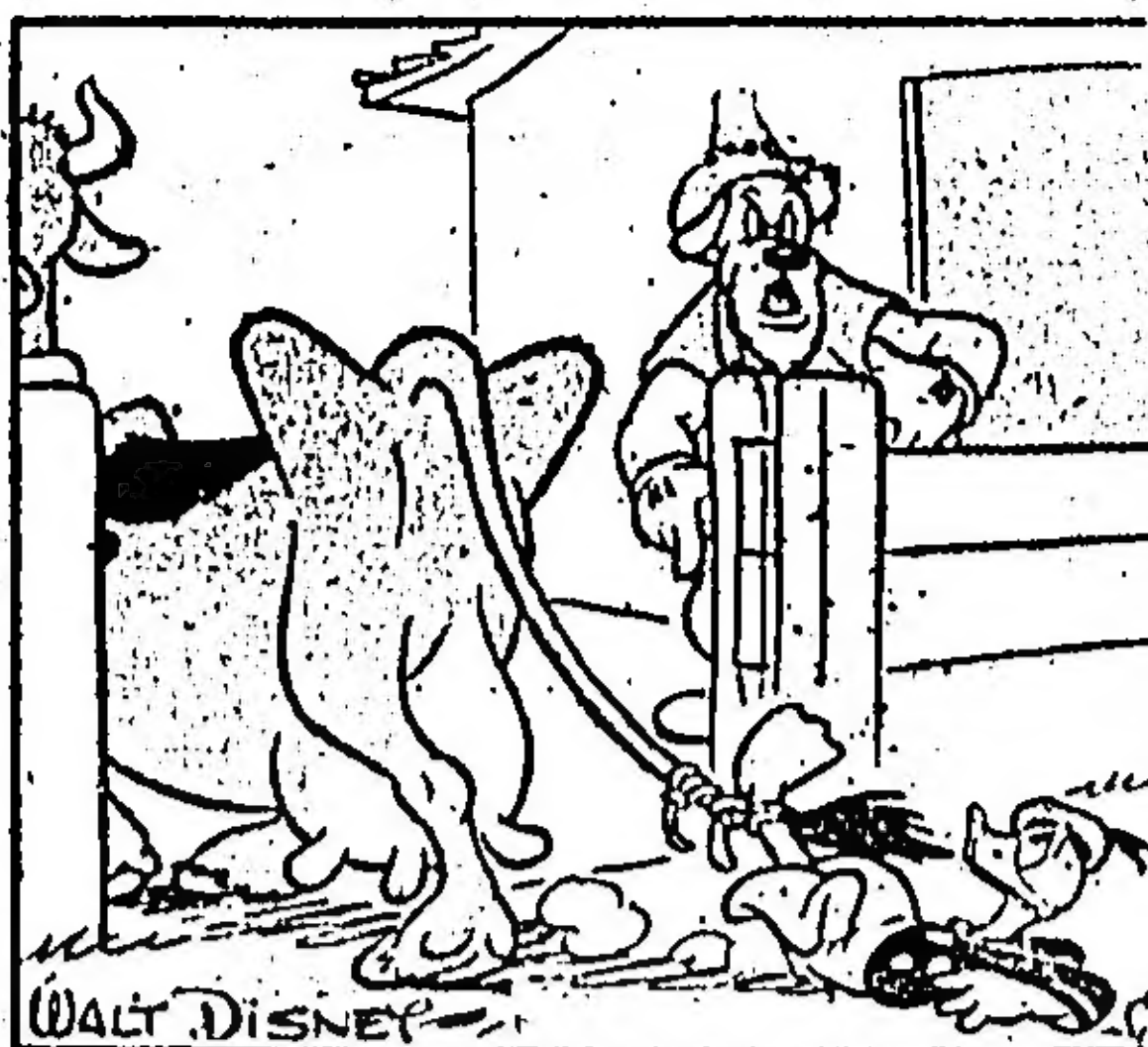
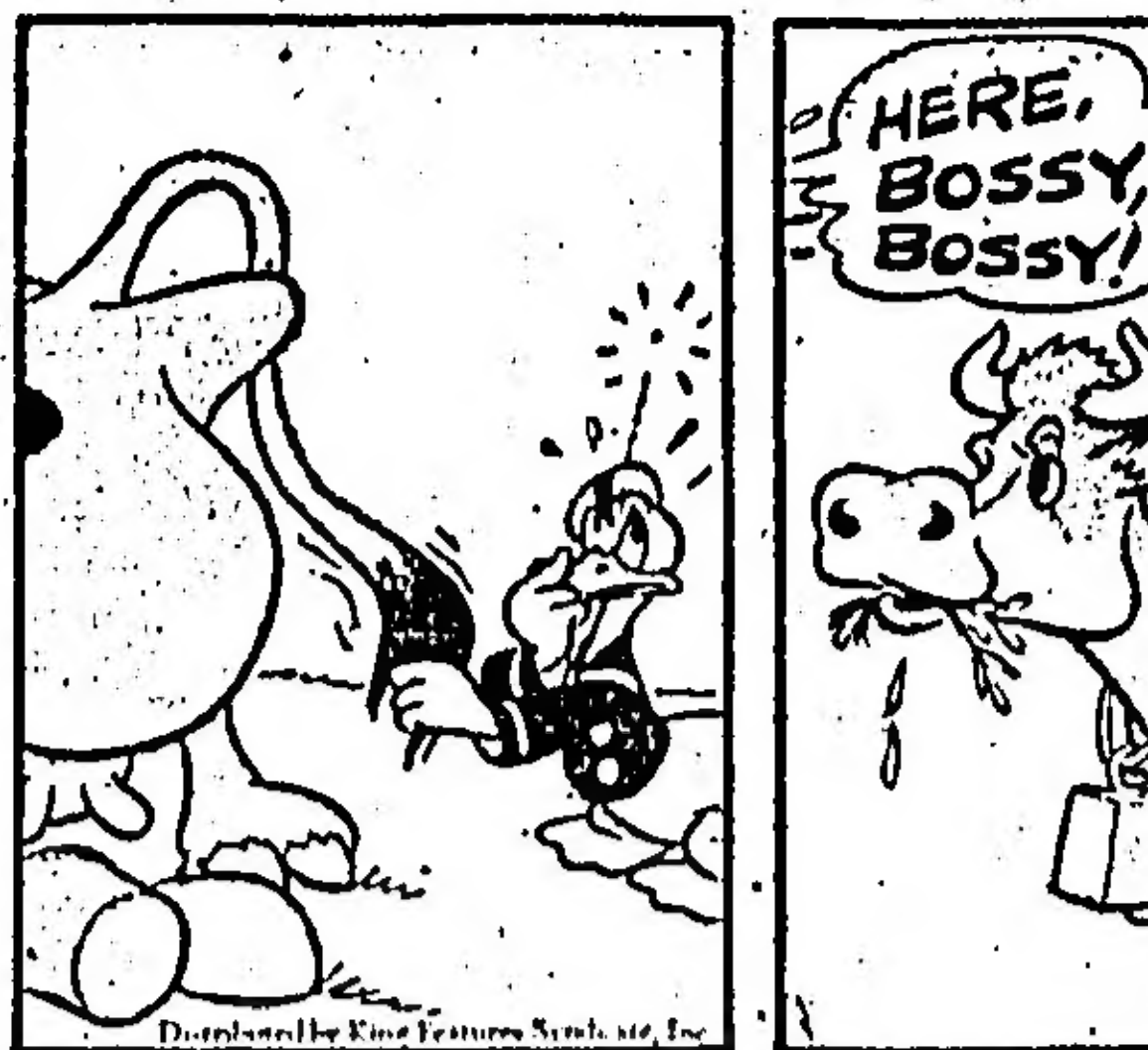
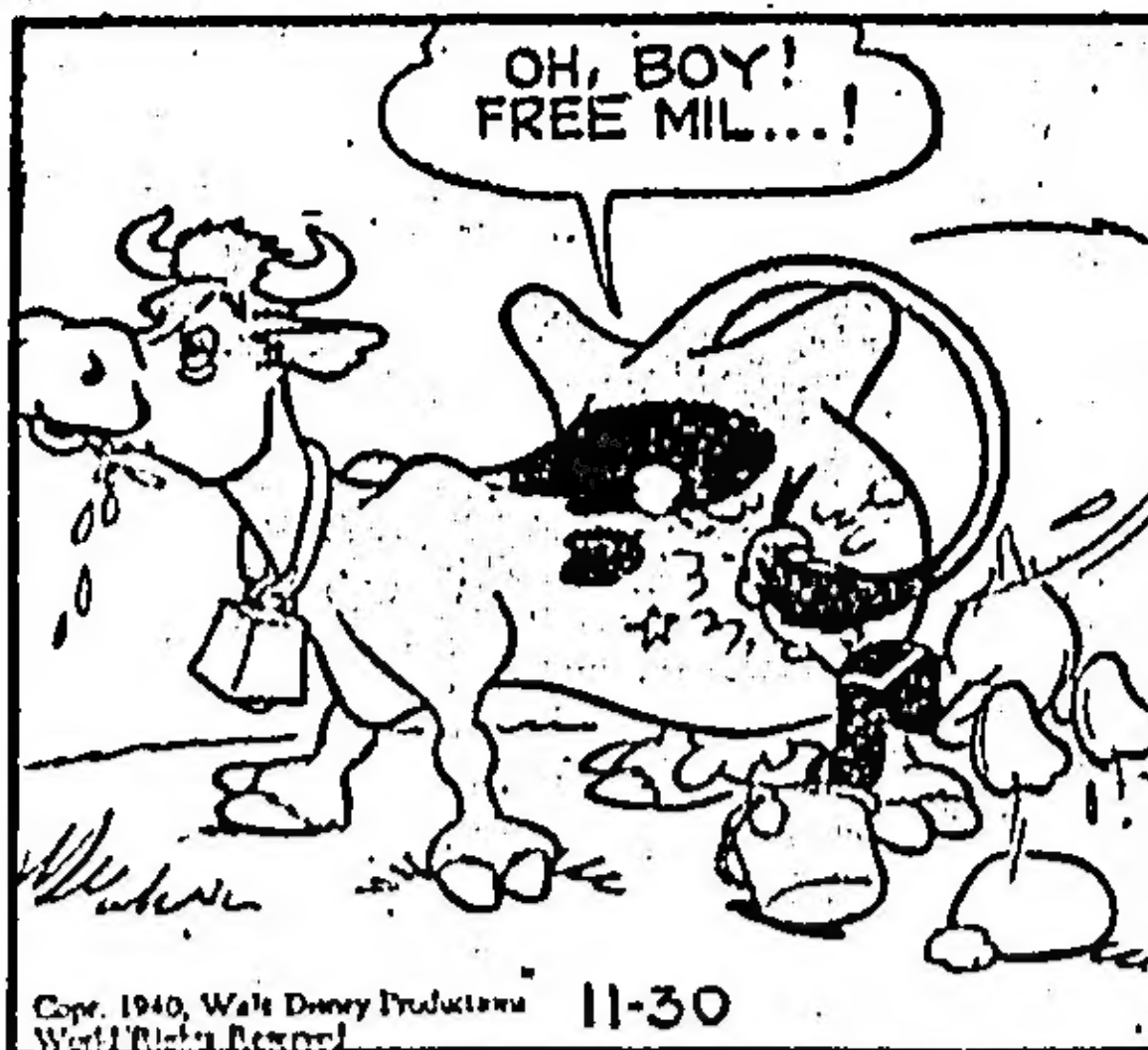
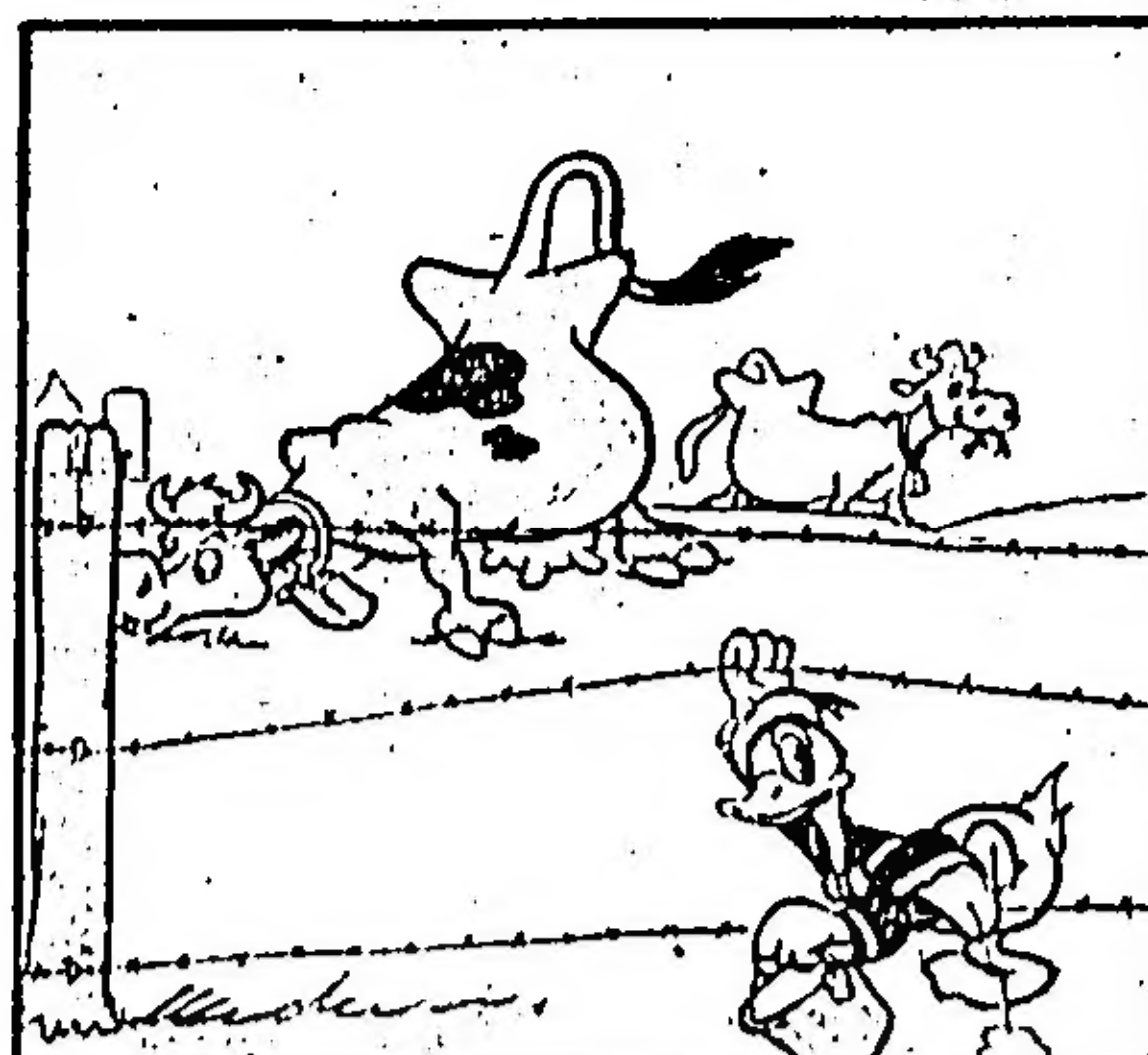
Informed quarters point out that Japanese authority over the goods is complete.—United Press.

Exchange of Fire
Bangkok, Jan. 8.

A High Command communiqué says an exchange of big gun, rifle and machine gun fire occurred throughout yesterday at Mongkai and Mukdahan. Several bullets hit a motor car in which a Japanese journalist was travelling along the Mekong Road near Mongkai.

The communiqué does not mention casualties but says all the Thai planes returned safely from their raids.

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Mussolini's Mystery Isles

By HARRY LEVIN

The Dodecanese Islands have suddenly sprung from their obscurity in the Eastern Mediterranean map into the glare of the war headlines. Harry Levin, who sketches them for you here, visited the islands not long before war broke out between Italy and Greece.

"COME to Rhodes," the gay tourist posters were still beckoning a few weeks ago. "Gem of the Dodecanese, Italy's Aegean Isle of Roses!"

It had everything—beautiful scenery, unrivalled climate, splendid hotels, magnificent antiquities; an earthly paradise above the murmuring Mediterranean.

What they did not add was that it is also an island fortress.

The twelve islands of the Dodecanese, of which Rhodes is larger than the other eleven together, lie midway between Egypt and Greece.

They form to-day a key point in the Mediterranean war.

ONCE TURKISH

From ancient times, when their first known conquerors were the Mycenaeans and Phoenicians, their strategic value has been recognised.

Before the Italians seized them in 1912, they were in Turkish hands. But the bulk of the islanders are Greeks. Their ancestors have lived in the Dodecanese since the dawn of history.

In Rhodes, the tourists are struck by the perfect roads that run up the hillsides to end abruptly, as though their destinations had suddenly vanished.

Those roads lead to skillfully-shuttered nests, blasted out of the hillsides which shelter the Italian batteries.

The number of guns and the extent of the island's other fortifications, are, naturally, things strangers don't find out.

Some of the hillside caverns, however, are known to have begun life as quarries. Now they are fitted with corridors, ante-chambers, rotundas and ventilating-shafts.

Nearly 300 miles of roads have been built in Rhodes by the Italians.

One of these highways, linking the aerodrome with the main town runs along the shore. Parallel with it, along the beach below, runs a line of barbed wire entanglements. On the ridges just above are great coils of more barbed wire.

FOR THE "MERMAIDS"

The Customs guard used to explain with a grin that this prickly barricade was to stop mermaids landing.

Also in readiness for the "mermaids," immense barracks and military hospitals have been built. The main streets, bars, and cinema swarmed, when I was there, with green uniforms of the garrison.

Very youthful they were for the most part—short, dark and affable. Many came from the country districts of southern Italy. One, at least, was mightily bored.

He missed the farm at home, he said. There was work to be done there. And here he was wasting his time. But—with a shrug of the shoulders—it wasn't his business. The Duke wanted him here, and the Duke must be right.

"Well, I don't suppose he's bored and longer."

Three small ports divide the waterfront of Rhodes. Beside one stood the famous 100-foot Colossus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

The Italians have sunk millions of pounds in widening and improving these ports. Continual improvement has been in progress not only in Rhodes but in Leros, Cos and Stampalia.

Particularly Leros—the secret island of the Dodecanese. To make sure that the secret of this island is kept, thousands of its Greek and Turkish natives were expelled.

Italy's plans have been to turn Leros into a miniature Aegean Gibraltar. The fine natural harbour of Porto Lago can hold some of the largest battleships. It has a seaplane base, with many miles of ideal "flying-water," and a naval arsenal.

The eastern side of the island, facing the narrow Dardanel Straits that separate it from Anatolia, has been strongly fortified.

MILITARY VALUE

Once, in 1925, two Italian deputies became highly excited about the possibility of settling Italians in the Dodecanese. Five million Italians could be established there, they said, probably more.

Mussolini wasn't interested. For him, in the words of an Italian spokesman, "the value of the islands arises from their geographic military position, which enables us to make of them the base of our future expansion."

So, out of a total population of over 140,000, there used to be only a few thousand Italians, most of them officials, professional men and merchants.

Still, Mussolini has been prodigal with public buildings for them. In the Via del Littorio, near the Rhodes seaport, you see Italian constructive ambition at its height.

On each side of the broad street, with not a speck of dirt to mar their severity, are the great cloistered Government buildings, the Fascist headquarters, the cinema that is in truth a picture palace.

Venetian, Sicilian, Oriental styles are strewn together, designed not less to awe the natives than to perpetuate in stone the greatness of the Fascist builders.

PRIVILEGED ISLES

Italy has given the islanders bread and games, and some economic benefits. But it withholds freedom.

All the feeling and all the loyalty of the Greek population—which is nearly 90 per cent. of the total—are for Greece.

Despite concentrated efforts to make them good Italian citizens, they consider Italian rule undesirable. Quietly, their Church, which has a long memory, and has not forgotten its grave indignities to its Archbishops as far back as the time of the Venetians in the 16th century, teaches them to keep faith with Greece and Greek culture.

In 1922, for this offence, the Orthodox Metropolitan of Rhodes was expelled.

Under Turkey the islands enjoyed many benefits. They were known, in fact, as the Privileged Isles. Yet they joined the Greek War of Independence.

In the coming of the Italians in 1912 they saw promise of liberation. At the Peace Conference, Venizelos fought for their "unalterable and centuries-old aspiration to unite with Greece."

He obtained a compromise. It seemed that Rhodes, at least, might attain its goal, although the other islands were ceded to Italy.

The Venizelos fell from grace. In 1924 all the islands were formally annexed to Italy, with the consent of Turkey.

All signs of restlessness in the islands have since been rigorously repressed. In 1930 there were riots. This was the last expression of dissatisfaction.

To-day, although they may seem resigned to their fate, the movement for liberation still stirs uneasily beneath the surface. But it has lacked all power—and now the war has trapped once more the inhabitants of these isles of mystery.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"About that money I lent your folks—shall I deduct it as charity or a bad debt?"

The bravest men I ever met

By C. G. Grey

JUST when the Blitzkrieg on Norway had started I was staying with a friend at a Coastal Command station of the R.A.F. It was a major station. It had started with Avro turrets to patrol the coast and escort convoys of ships. Then it had acquired some fighters to drive away enemy aircraft which attacked the Ansons.

After that some American Hudson twin-engine machines were given to it. They had more power and range than the little Ansons, and found out important things on the coast of Norway, which led to the borrowing of heavy and medium bombers from the Bomber Command. In fact the place was a regular aeronautical menagerie.

The day I got there our newspapers had published maps of our new minefields round Denmark and right into the Baltic, far beyond the Skagerrak and Kattegat (friends of our schoolboys), blocking the German and Danish harbours from which ships had to take troops to Norway.

Very rightly our people said: "Wonderful thing the British Navy. But how did our mine-layers or submarines get through the German minefields, and past the German submarines and destroyers and air force to lay those mines?"

THAT evening about cocktail time into the ante-room the mess came half a dozen young officers in naval uniform, led by one who was himself led by an amiable but terrific-looking bulldog—man and dog were much the same shape and ever so English.

My host told me that they were part of a Fleet Air Arm squadron which was at the station on a special job. Later, I was shown what it was and how they did it.

On the airfield was a squadron of the Fairey Swordfish, which is a big biplane with a single Bristol Pegasus motor of 600 hp. Like all Fleet Air Arm machines, the wings fold so that they can go down the lifts in H.M.'s aircraft carriers from the flying deck to the aircraft holds, which the F.A.A. loyal to the hr, calls hangars.

The machine was built for Fleet reconnaissance, and as a torpedo-dropper, so it is a weight-lifter, and its best cruising speed is about 130 m.p.h.—about that of the trainers which one sees floating around the sky.

These Swordfishes for the special job were different. Where the navigator ought to sit was an enormous petrol-tank which stuck

up above the deck between the pilot and the aft cockpit. It took up all the second seat, and ended in a blank wall high above where the third seat should have been. There the navigator had to sit with his legs underneath a mass of petrol, all ready to drown him in flames if an incendiary bullet caught it.

AT bombing-up time, just before dark, instead of the normal torpedo or bombs, the long-ended barrels were rolled out on trolleys and fixed between the wheels.

These were our magnetic mines for the Baltic, far more powerful and more magnetic than the German mines of which we heard so much at the time, and now looked upon as a busted flush.

Those barrels brought the flying speed of the old Swordfish down to about 50 m.p.h.

That night, as the rest of us were going peacefully to bed, we heard the growl of the Bristol starting up, and a few minutes later the drone of heavy stuff taking off, circling the C.O.'s house and heading seawards.

Next morning they all came back, but one, who had to land at another airfield and bent his overcast. They reported results, had their supper at a late breakfast-time, and went to bed; all ready to do it again next night.

NOW figure to yourself that sort of courage—the "three o'clock in the morning courage" which Napoleon admitted in our people—the machine outrageously overloaded, carrying a mine which would leave nothing to pick up if it exploded in a crash, and carrying a truck-load of petrol to give the 1,000-mile range; its speed such that the worst anti-aircraft gunner or searchlight operator could hardly miss it; its only protection against fighters the fact that it was too slow for them to stay with it and shoot at it; pilot and navigator without the companionship of a cabin, lonely all night on the end of a telephone wire.

They had none of the excitement of the single-seat fighter, or his interval for refreshment after his three-hour patrol, and none of the crewah, as it were, of the big bombers or the flying boats. If ever there was a solitude a deus, the mine-layers in the Swordfishes had it—for most of twelve hours at a stretch.

They were the bravest men I have met. I have known a good many V.C.s and plenty of D.S.O.s.

Why Grow Old?

By Josephine Lowman

When you look into the mirror don't indulge in wishful thinking as the wicked queen in Snow White did. If we look only at our best points and try to overlook the others, we will fall far short of our potentialities for loveliness.

Our mirrors should be so placed and so lighted that they will tell us the truth about our faults in complexion, hair and figure. If we are to overcome faults we must first recognise them.

Too many women go in for the becoming, rosy, dim lights which flatter them into carelessness and neglect. We can have these in our boudoirs, but at some place we should have brightly lighted mirrors with which to whet our appetite for self-improvement.

Four Mirrors Needed

A woman really needs four mirrors to help her appraise herself and care for herself. First she must have one which she can use at her dressing table. This should be large enough for her to see herself from her head to her waist. Next, she needs a hand mirror, one full-length one, and a magnifying glass. The latter is of the greatest aid in studying the skin, applying lipstick and weeding out stray hairs from the brows.

Lighting is also important. Some ladies attempt to use the bulbs which represent sunlight, electric light, or daylight. However, this is a rather risky business, except for experts, and it is usually better to use plain white bulbs and plenty bright!

The lights at the side of the dressing table should be about on a level with the nose, and should also have a light above the head.

One Convenient Place

It helps us immensely to have all of the necessities of good grooming and beauty care in one convenient spot. It is so easy to procrastinate if we have to look for the brush and hunt up the cleansing cream.

The most limited and meagre set of tools should include manicure items, cleansing and lubricating cream, eye cream, a long-bristled hairbrush, lotion, an eyelash and eyebrow brush, a deodorant, a depilatory and tweezers. Besides these, a woman should have a light pad on which to take her exercises and a board or cot (with end raised) so that she can rest for a period or so of time each day in the beauty angle position.

Make it easy to care for yourself. Don't put the obstacles of heedlessness and lost time in your way. These simple, daily routines will keep you young long after the loudest laughter of scoffers has died away.

None of these F.A.A. lads had any decorations, then. I hope they have got them since.

To-day the job is done by high-powered, high-speed, well-armed bombers. Nobody admires our bomber crews and coastal reconnaissance people, and our fighter pilots more than I do. But those couples in the Swordfishes deserve to be recorded in history, for they made so much history themselves.

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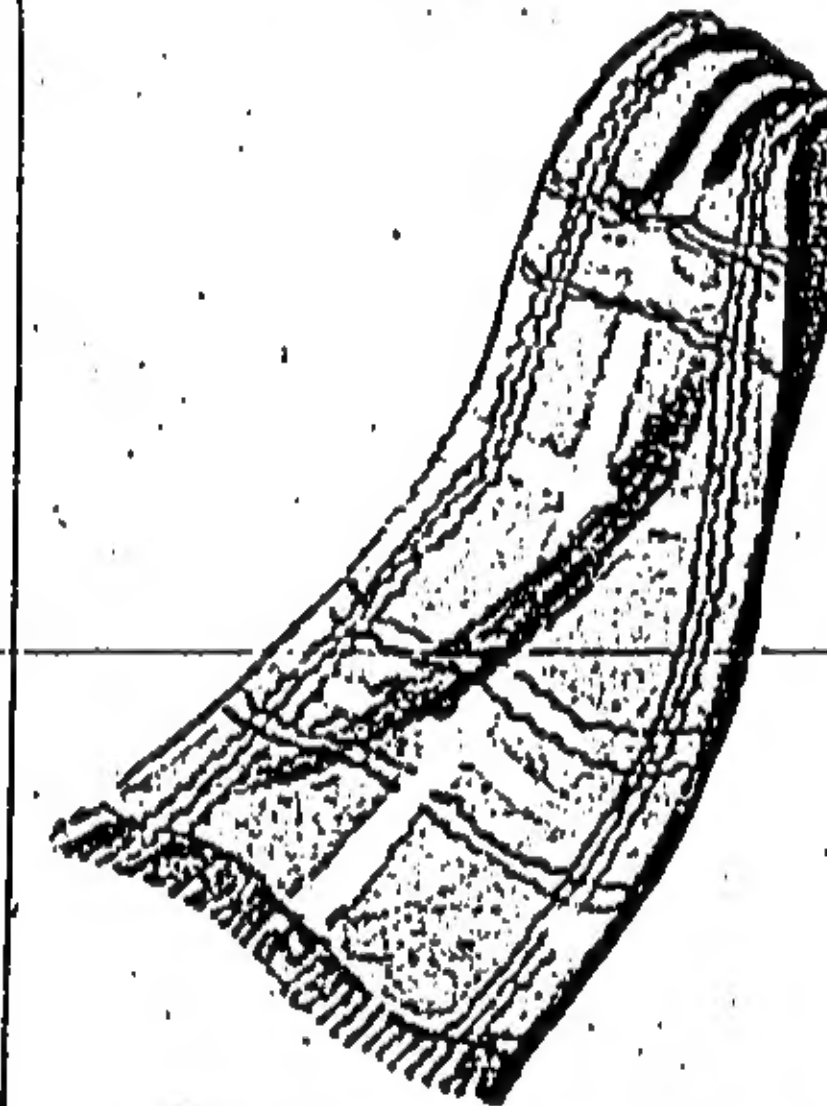
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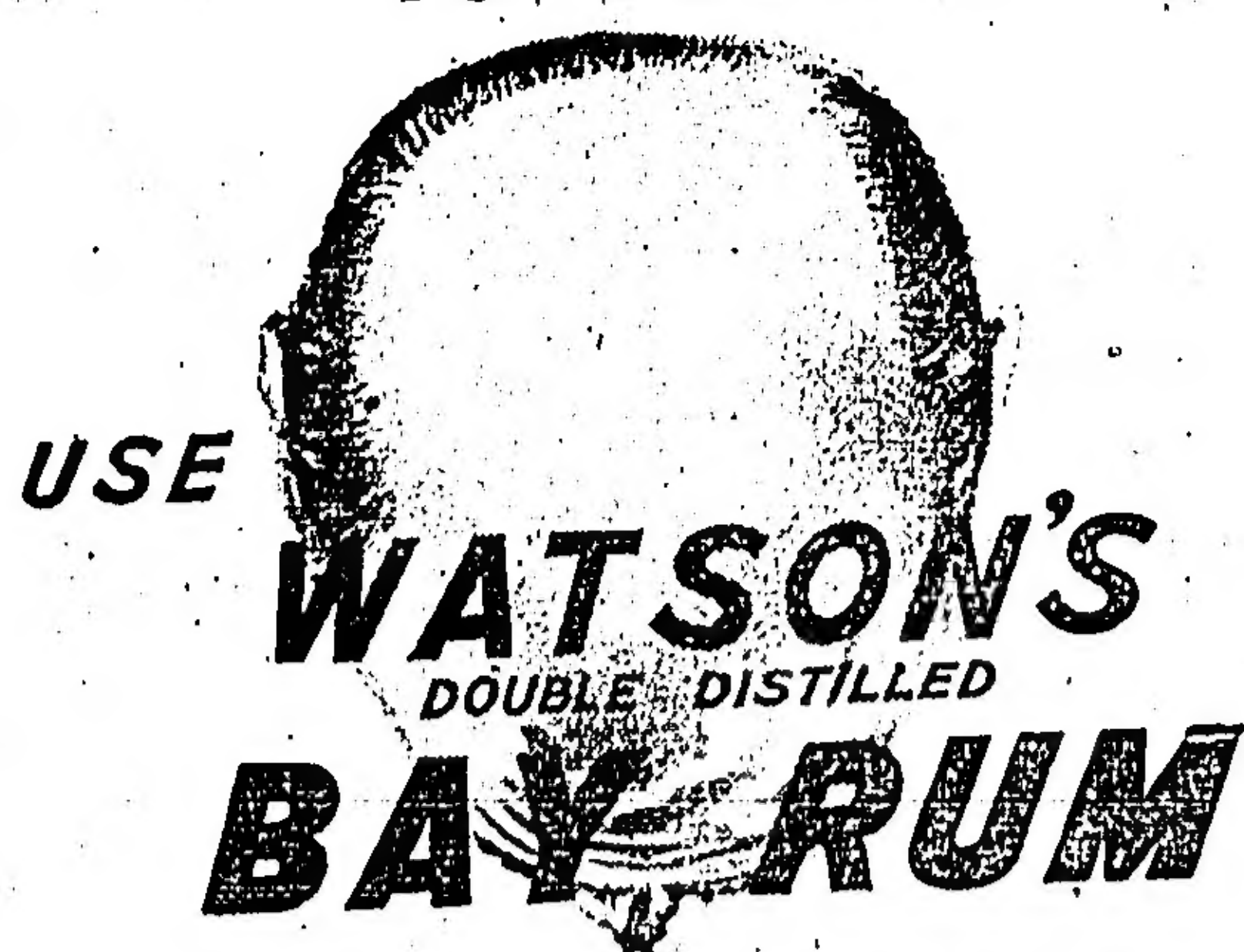
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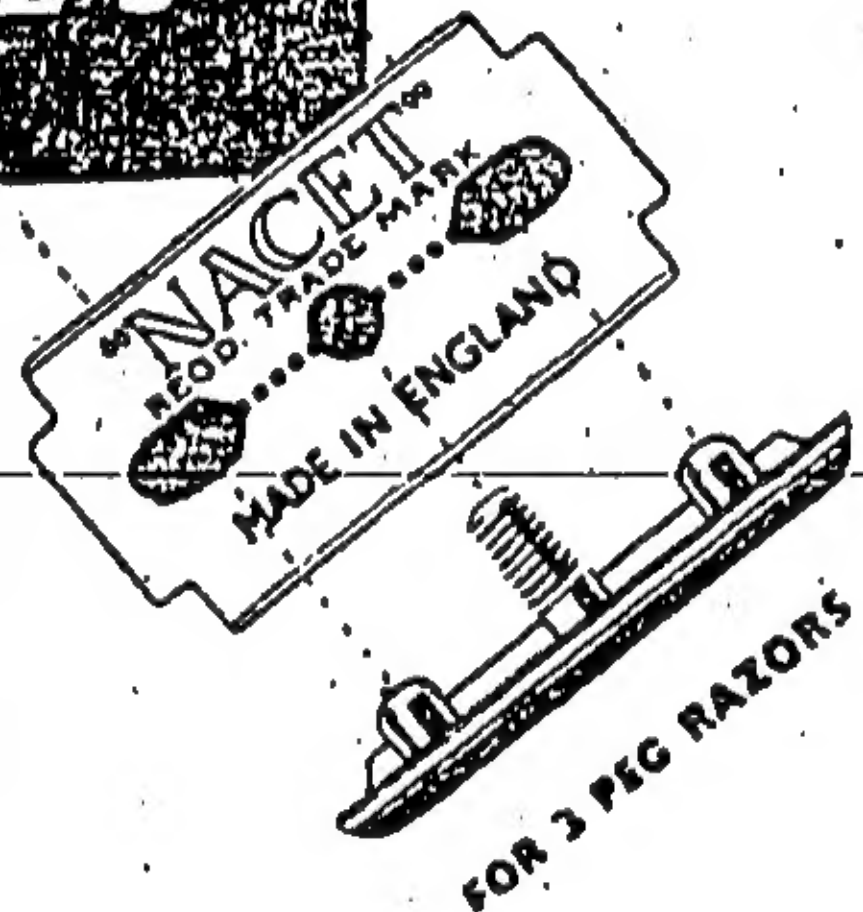
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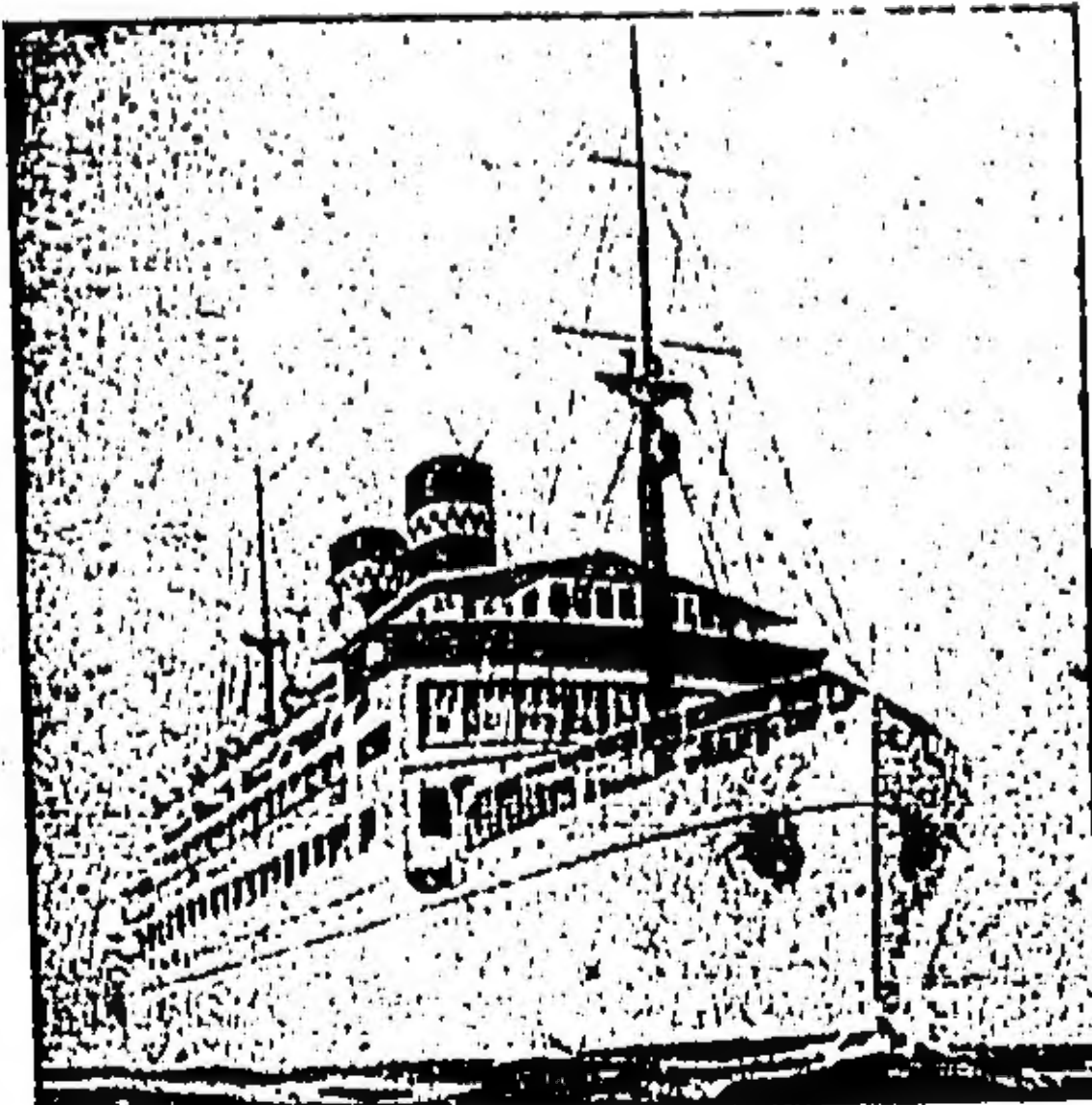
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U.S. "WAR" BUDGET

PRESIDENT Roosevelt yesterday produced what is virtually a war budget. "The budget I transmit is a reflection of a world at war," declared the President, adding "it is safe only to prepare for total defence." This is America's answer to the challenge of the Totalitarians. Between June 1941 and June 1942 the United States expects to spend over \$10,000,000,000 on national defence. Over and above that, unspecified expenditures are to be made on behalf of the Allied cause. "The matter of providing munitions for the Democracies defending themselves against attack must be considered immediately," stated President Roosevelt in his budget message, thereby reaffirming his pledge made earlier this week to give Britain aid to the limit short of going to war.

Thus have the dictator nations—one swaggering and boastful, the other tottering and dispirited, the third cautious, suspicious and wondering what to do next—succeeded in arraying against themselves the two most powerful nations of the world. The bitter is about to be bit. The tremendous resources of the United States industry and finance are to be used to their capacity in a common fight against what the Americans now know is a common foe. When this is achieved, the spectacular output of the Nazi war industry during the past eight years will be made to appear trifling.

The knowledge is sufficient to strike terror into the hearts of the Axis partners. When two nations like Britain and the U.S.A. are aroused to fight a total war, there can be only one result—the crushing of those responsible for that war. Hitler may have his plans, his subtle manoeuvres, his clever propaganda, but the two great defenders of the system which Hitler is trying to smash

A NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENT LOOKS INSIDE

The first exclamation I heard on German soil during a recent visit revealed something of the fantastic unreality which marks the German outlook. It was at the frontier station. A man, arrived by train with his wife, caught sight of a keg of butter on the platform and burst out, "Look, Grethe! What a pity I haven't my camera. There is a whole keg of butter, and abroad they say we have none."

It may be there is a good deal of butter in Germany; there are a number of countries from which it can be squeezed; but such an argument from an observer, obviously serious, who see a keg of butter in a country of 80,000,000 people and thinks it significant, can be offered only by a German subjected for seven years from early morning till late at night to the dulling effects of Nazi propaganda.

In spite of the keg of butter there is certainly a great scarcity of general commodities in Germany. Butter rations are 125 grammes [about 1/4 lb.] a week, to which may be added 30 grammes [1 oz.] of cooking fats. The meat ration is 500 grammes [about 1 lb.] a week, including sausage. Poultry and bird-flesh in general is not on cards, but it is practically unobtainable in the towns. During the fairs in Leipzig and Vienna, to which foreigners had been invited, chicken could be found at the restaurants here and there, and the meatless days were also suspended, though reintroduced immediately after.

Milk is almost impossible to obtain; adults are allowed only skimmed milk and in very small quantities; cream has not been seen for a year, also neither coffee nor tea, except what soldiers send home to their families from occupied countries; children are entitled to a hectogramme [between 3 oz. and 4 oz.] of chocolate, so long as the supply lasts; there are scarcely any vegetables or fruit to be had. You may go from greengrocer to greengrocer without finding anything but potatoes, cabbage-heads, and green tomatoes. Crops have been poor,

have decided to oppose with all the resources at their command, and his fate is sealed.

The message behind President Roosevelt's budget is an assurance never to permit the aggressor nations to obtain that domination of the world which they seek. The challenge to Hitler and his partners is unmistakable, and provides for them an ominous opening to the year, 1941.

the grain harvest being small on account of the rainy summer.

Food that is put on show consists largely of coffee, surrogates, soup extracts, dried roots for soup making, and substitutes for whipped cream. With the exception of cellular-wool and milk fabrics from Holland there are few novelties.

"How can you expect more of us? We are a country at war," is the excuse offered by tradesmen.

A widely advertised new stocking is said to be impregnated to resist rain and the attacks of gnats or mosquitoes. "They should also be impregnated against the trier woman maliciously," whispered an Aus-trian. The special meaning of hen probe the heart of a German of the Third Reich, but the German ration of stock-living requirements of the

WARTIME

ings is only three pairs a year.

It is possible still to keep above the hunger line, though only few demands can really be satisfied, but to manage on what the cloth-rs allow requires clever artistry or recourse to hoards laid up in advance. For the war year just past of the clothing cards had 100 "points." Of these a dress knocked off 40 at one stroke, a man's suit 60, an overcoat, a pair of stockings six to eight, and 20 metres of darning wool cancelled out one point. The card must also serve for footwear and the soles of old shoes, for bed sheets, and towels; so it is easy to imagine what a man reaches before the Reich proper.

If you hear a word of op- tion, you may be sure you have an Austrian before you, or perhaps a Sudeten German, for these have not been so thoroughly cowed as have Germans of the Reich proper.

"We never thought it would be so under Ger-

The purchase of shoes is many," said a Sudeten Ger-

GERMANY

subject also to another man guest of the fair one evening when wine had eased his tongue a little; "if we had known that, we should never have supported Henlein."

Another visitor to the fair declared that discontent was the very deep and general in Bavaria ever since the "at- for a visit by the house in- tempt" in Munich which is pector to verify the state of believed there to have been his wardrobe. If the visit engineered by Hitler him- several suits, dresses, sets of sunken popularity had part- or anything in order to get rid of trou- more than a good Nazi blesome companions.

But such tones are not frequent. People console themselves mostly by the re- flexion that the war is a matter for Hitler, that he knows best, that in a fort- night it will all be over. Ap- parently they do not realise how long they have been talking about this fortnight. To the well-trained masses a Luxuries are not formally single day may appear as a banned, however. Furs and silks are still offered for sale without cards, but they are meets criticism at all, it does very dear. Quite a number of elegant silver foxes may ally. That he may be re- seen here and there in the responsible in any way for streets.

apparently strike the aver- age German at all.

Direct enthusiasm for the war can be observed but seldom. Little is known of what is happening in the war. As a rule soldiers do not come home on leave; their relatives seldom get to know whether they are alive or dead, and it is forbidden to wear mourning for a fallen soldier. Material cares appear to engage the thoughts of people more than what the Führer and his associates have on hand. When watching news reels at the cinema and the deso- lation of enemy lands, with the "manly" German airmen smiling sadiistically as they point to their work, the people remain quite passive, no clapping, no ovations, nothing of the chauvinistic passion one might have expected from the propaganda orgies of the Press. It is as if they are oppressed bomb-raiding and cannot easily forget them.

Yet, although real en- thusiasm is absent, it would be wrong to conclude there is any spirit of capitulation or defeatism. The German has, either by nature or up-bringing, a perverse ten- dency to submit to and "en- joy" privation, to obey with- out reflexion. Obedience gives him a good conscience, whether he is serving a use- ful purpose or not.

These leanings have been cultivated by the Nazi re- gime, which has at the same time exploited his proneness to a sort of philosophical idealism. The State is for the German something of in- trinsic value, almost a mys- tic personality. It is the god Moloch, entitled to re- quire everything from his citizens without the obliga- tion to give anything in re- turn.

In this respect the Aus- trian and the Czech are dif- ferent and are before, for one thing, less easily in- fluenced by Nazi propagan- da.

But just on account of the German's peculiar mentality—which an outsider can never fully comprehend however much he may try—it is impossible to predict how he will react to the coming war winter. There must be a limit somewhere, beyond which he can not be herded, but where is the limit?

Question Of Eire Bases Considered

STRONG pressure is to be put on the Government by members of all political parties to secure an agreement with the Eireann Government for the use of naval bases in Eire.

Mr Churchill's reference to the loss of the bases as a burden, which Britain should not have been called on to shoulder led at once to many conferences behind the scenes.

There is no doubt the Government would have the fullest support from M.P.s for any action considered necessary to regain the bases from which anti-U-boat action can be organised.

Bargaining

But the difficulties are fully recog- nised. No politician takes seriously a suggestion that the bases should be taken back, and that force should be used if necessary.

But it is thought that some ar- rangement for their temporary leasing, or for their sale to Eire, with political advantages to Eire in return, may be the way out.

Record Arms Vote Asked By President

Washington, Jan. 8.

President Roosevelt to-day followed his challenge speech to aggressor nations by announcing America's all-time record expenditure on arms and fighting men.

Under what will be a "New Deal plus national defence" budget the United States will be spending \$25,000,000,000 for defence within a three-year period unless, as Roosevelt made clear, future circumstances require more.

"The government has embarked on a programme for the total defence of Democracy," he declared. "The threatening world situation forces us to build up land, sea and air forces able to meet and master any contingency."

In addition, Mr. Roosevelt's defence programme provides for the most modern mechanised army with man-power rising to nearly 1,500,000 next year, doubling of the navy personnel and continuation of the construction of an "over all" navy, a great increase in planes and armaments, expansion of production capacity to literally its utmost efforts, and a huge civilian training scheme already actively involving over 1,000,000 men and women.

In providing the finance for this gigantic arms programme the President showed clearly that he did not intend to drop the social principles of the New Deal. He foreshadowed important new government powers of private industry in order to prevent man-power and materials being diverted from national defence needs.

Armament profits limitation was also strongly hinted at when the President declared himself not satisfied that existing laws were adequate in connection with profits from national defence work.

Figures for the new 1941 to June 1942 budget announced by Roosevelt are estimated to total an expenditure of \$17,400,000,000—over 20 per cent. more than the preceding budget. Of this 62 per cent., or \$10,811,000,000 is for national defence—67 per cent. more than the preceding defence estimate.

The estimated budget deficit rises to \$9,210,000,000, compared with \$8,800,000,000 last year.

But Roosevelt dismissed possible apprehensions about increase in the National Debt.

The President's speech included the following points:

"Defence will be increased by means of warships, tanks, planes and guns to protect America against aggression. Our problem is a combat against external pressure and internal weakness."

Meeting Nazi Challenge

"The ability of the Democracies to employ their fullest resources of man-power, skill and plant has been challenged. We meet this challenge by a maximum utilisation of plant and manpower and by maintaining governmental services for social security."

"No one can predict the ultimate cost of the programme that is still in development for no one can define the future. When we recall the staggering changes in the world situation during the last six months we realise how tentative all present estimates must be."

"There are already under contract 125 new factories and more are planned. Contracts and orders worth \$10,000,000,000 have been placed in six months, resulting in more factories throughout the country becoming ready rapidly to increase production."

"The social security programme will continue and also the agricultural programme to safeguard farmers who have lost their foreign markets, particularly in cotton, wheat and tobacco."

"If this war should be followed, as I hope it will, by peace in world of good neighbours, then complete elimination of competitive armaments will become possible. Only in such a world can economic stability be restored."

Explaining the budget figures at a press conference Mr. Roosevelt said estimates of "loans" to Democracies abroad could not be included in the budget because they had not been authorised by Congress but Congress would be asked immediately for some appropriations. He predicted the sale of government securities on the scale of the Liberty Bond drive during the last war.

The President added that financially anyone who failed to purchase government bonds might be considered unpatriotic.—Reuter.

Portuguese President Receives New Envoy

—British Alliance

LISBON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Renewed assurances of the friendship uniting Britain and Portugal were expressed to-day when Sir Ronald Campbell, the new British Ambassador to Portugal, presented his credentials to President Carmona.

Sir Ronald Campbell referred to "two countries which by tradition, independent spirit, and the extent and strength of their colonial empires have many characteristics and interests in common."

President Carmona expressed the wish that friendship between the two countries might become even more fruitful and conveyed to the King sincere wishes for his personal happiness and the prosperity of his empire. Campbell said that Britain would continue to follow with sympathy the destiny of the Portuguese people. This sympathy would be greater than events which had been rending Europe for the past eighteen months had in no way disturbed the friendship sealed with the time-honoured alliance binding the two countries and to which His Majesty remained wholly faithful.

President's Reply

President Carmona expressed appreciation that the Ambassador had recalled the traditional friendship and

Australians Visit Greek Harbour

IMPRESSIONS OF DEMOCRACY

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Grigor Iadla in the Greek paper "Ethnos" describes a visit of an Australian warship.

"In one of our harbours lies an Australian man-o-war manned entirely by Australians. From the commanding officer to the cabin boy everyone is a native of far off Australia."

"These fair-haired giants, brought us a glow from another world ten thousand miles away from the far Antipodes. But most important is that they all bring at the same time the stout and sturdy heart throbs of the British Empire."

"All are volunteers; volunteers too are all those hundreds of thousands of their compatriots now in Libya, Palestine and the home country. No one compelled them, no one could compel them to come—just as in 1914 too, when both Australia and Canada telegraphed London and begged as a favour that their young men should take part in the war."

Why Do They Care

Why should they care about the homeland; why do they give money and blood since their foe does not threaten them 'down under'?

"It is not only a sentimental reason of common bond, language and blood that united us; answers the Second-in-Command of the ship. 'Do you know what wealth means? I have heard it said that England exploits us, sucks us dry. Well, I tell you that the incomes per head of the inhabitants of Australia, New Zealand and Canada are greater than those of the mother country.'"

The inhabitants of these countries are richer than the average Englishman. They are the richest peoples in the world—richer even than Americans."

The efficiency of the Empire is not confined only to the economic sphere. It stretches out into social and political institutions. We in Australia, New Zealand and Canada have pushed Socialism even further than did the Scandinavian countries. This is due to the economic development and protection given us by the mother country and the strong and sure foundation of the Empire."

STOCK EXCHANGE

Satisfactory War News

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, business was mainly of a specialised character.

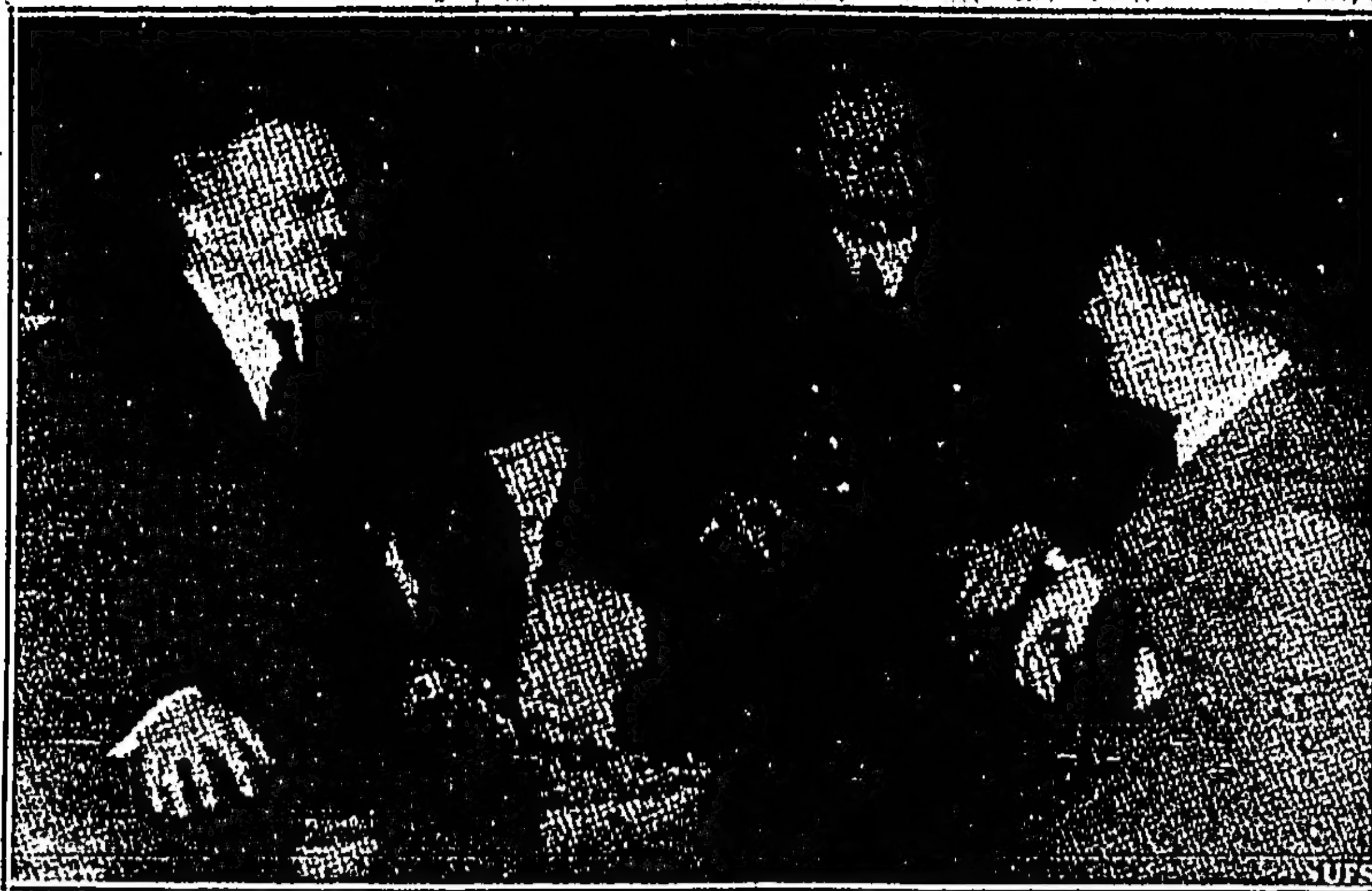
Speculative buying and the satisfactory progress of the war in the Middle East is responsible for the rise in oil share prices.

A broadening demand, especially from the provinces, has caused a sharp advance in home rails.

Kaffirs, notably non-producers, advanced on Cape buying.

Elsewhere conditions were quiet though industrials showed some firm spots.

Wall Street was quietly steady.



AT IT FOR HOURS—This radio picture is of the Soviet Premier, M. Molotov, (left) in conference recently with Hitler (right). The man in the centre is an interpreter, who was necessary because Hitler and Molotov did not speak the same language. On his visit to Berlin, the Russian official many times had to go into an air raid shelter because the R.A.F. was overhead.

BLOCKADE RELAXED

British Gesture To Hungry France

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—At President Roosevelt's personal request, a special shipment of foodstuffs and clothing is to pass through the blockade from the United States to Unoccupied France for distribution under the direct control of the American Red Cross.

The President's request, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare, was addressed during the past few days. The goods consist of Vitamin A concentrates and clothing.

Blockade To Continue

It is stressed in authoritative quarters that this concession, which is being made solely for the relief of children in Unoccupied France, in no way alters the British policy of blockading France as a whole.

The fact that the administration of the relief goods is being undertaken by the American Red Cross is considered sufficient guarantee that they will in fact reach the children for whom they are intended. The goods are being shipped in the same vessel as the cargo of wheat consigned to Spain by the United States. When unloaded at a Spanish port, the vessel will proceed to a port in Unoccupied France.

Another Consignment

In addition to the shipment, it is understood that a small consignment of Vitamin A concentrates which had been detained in Bermuda, will be able to proceed. It is being taken to Unoccupied France by the well-known dress designer, Madame Schiaparelli, who is returning from the United States to Paris.

It was stated to-day that if the present shipment safely reaches its proper destination, further quantities of relief food for children in Unoccupied France will be allowed through the blockade from time to time.

President Roosevelt, it was added, was well aware of the distinction in such cases between Occupied and Unoccupied France.

Meat Rations And Ships

Ministry Notice

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Owing to the diversion of shipping for war purposes to the Middle East, the Ministry of Food announces that it will be necessary during the next few months to vary the meat ration at short notice within the range of 12 and 16 oz.

The Ministry will announce the amount of ration week by week and for the current week it will be 14 oz. Supplies to catering establishments will be correspondingly reduced.

New Raid On El Bassan

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A successful raid on military stores and buildings in El Bassan was made yesterday by R.A.F. bombers, says an R.A.F. communique issued from headquarters in Greece.

Snow, sleet and rain were falling in the target area, making observation difficult, but high explosive and incendiary bombs were seen to hit several buildings and a number of fires were started.

All aircraft returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

Yunnan-Burma Railway

RANGOON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The construction of the western section of the Yunnan-Burma Railway will be accelerated shortly, according to information from Chungking received by local Chinese.

It is stated that a plan has been drawn up by the Ministry of Communications in Chungking and is under the consideration of the Executive Yuan.

A.R.P. Appointments And Promotions

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander D. H. F. Puckle, Director of Air Raid Precautions:

Strength-Increase
The following Warden have been permitted to resign:
1028 Miss Man-Ling-yin, on transfer to Newcastle Hospital as House Warden.
1033 Chan Ling-kai, Eastern, on leaving the Colony.

Leave of Absence
Divisional Warden J. E. Kotwall, Day View, is granted one month's sick leave as from December 21, 1940.
S/W 333 Leung Kwok-yuen, Central, granted two months' leave as from December 10, 1940.
29 Chiu King-hay, Day View, granted one month's sick leave from January 1, 1941.

Appointments
The following appointments are notified with effect from January 2, 1941:
Central District "F" Group Warden 104 Au Yung-lan, to be Deputy District Warden "G" Eastern, Deputy Divisional Warden Wong Moon, Aberdeen, to be Acting Divisional Warden, Aberdeen, with effect from January 6, 1941.

Promotions
Central Division—To be Group Wardens:—2318 Lee Yan-yen, 2804 Chan Yuen-on, S/W 518 Chan Hong-wai.

Divisional Warden, In Wan-tsun, Aberdeen, reverts to the rank of District Warden (Training and Resources Officer) at his own request.

Training
Meeting—Shamshuipo—There will be a meeting of District Wardens and their Deputies on Friday, January 10, 1941, in the Yee Kuk Street Dispensary, at 10.15 hrs.

Instructional Courses
Wardens' Classes in Chinese (Syllabus "A"):
C252, 8, Tai Tam, Stanley, Tues. & Fri. 10.15 p.m. commencing January 10, 1941.
Lecturer—Mr. Paul Chik, L.A.R.P.

C253, Min Sang College, Kowloon, Wed. & Sat. at 7.00 p.m. commencing January 15, 1941. Lecturer—Mr. Ho Chok-nam, L.A.R.P.

C254, Yuet Sau School, Shamshuipo, Wed. & Sat. at 6.30 p.m. commencing January 15, 1941. Lecturer—Mr. Li C255, Chinese School, Repulse Bay Hotel, Mon. & Thurs. at 6.30 p.m. commencing Jan. 14, 1941. Lecturer—Mr. Tsang Chiu-yun, L.A.R.P.

Examination Results
The following have passed as Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service:
Wong Tze-wan, Kung Tak-keung, Yeung Koon-man, Miss Au Yik-lan, Miss Wan Lai-hang.

Strength-Increase
The following have been granted as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:
Upper Level—Chan Kam-pui, 3125, Western—2800 Chang Man-ling, 3238 Kam Po-loong, 3229 Keung Sit-tu, 3240 Kwok Tai-sing, 3241 Lo Sing-kei, 3250 Miss Lai Lai-lin, 3243 Poon Kam-wah, 3244 Nip Hon-yun, 3245 Tong Man-yuen, 3246 Miss Tse Kwok-sing, 3247 Li Ming-chun, 3248 Tong Man-yuen, 3249 Tang Boon-hong.

Upper Level—3223 Yan Pak-hung, 3254 Yu Chi-bon, 3094 Koh Nye-ph, 3109 Lee Hon-kei, 3160 Stephen Lee, 3161 Miss Levery, 3162 Li Kai-lin, 3167 Li Shiu-yuen, 3168 Joseph To, 3169 Andrew Li, 3170 Isidore L. Wong, 3171 Wong Yee-wa, 3172 Miss Yung, 3173 Miss Pak Ming-chun, 3287 Miss Pak Ming-sau, Day View—41 Cheng Tin-po, 29 Yeung Sing-wan.

Eastern—3248 Chan See-yung, 3249 Chan To-ki, 3250 Cheng Chuk-hing, 3151 Cheuk Kwok-hung, 3252 Cheuk Doy-yin, 3253 Lai Kwok-chung, 3255 Lo Sing-kei, 3256 Miss Ng Po-chun, 3257 Miss Ng So-mui, 3258 Tsang Kim-yuk, 3259 Tommy Wan, 3260 Wong Chiu-ling, 3167 Eddie Fu, 3212 Miss Li Shing, 3217 Ng Shiu-tai, 3237 Chu Ki-cheung.

Central—3273 Au Yung King-ming, 3274 Miss Au Wai-lin, 3275 Chan Man-lin, 3277 Choi Yuk-shing, 3278 Chan Man-lin, 3279 Miss Kwok Pui-wa, 3280 Lee Kwok-mui, 3281 Miss Li Poo Yau-chik, Miss Ng Sai-fun, 3283 Tong So, 3285 Yau Lai, 3154 Tai Chung-ling.

South—1240 Chiu-chung, 3265 Chow Hung-see, 3266 Chung Yat-cheung, 3267 Ho Kwong-eh, 3268 Keung Dip-ming, 3269 Lee Yung-shing, 3270 Leung Wai-man, 3271 Tsang Ping-ming.

(Sd.) D. H. F. Puckle, Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions.

BAN ON JEWS IN NETHERLANDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Jan. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that henceforth Jews will be banned from the motion picture theatres throughout the Netherlands, on the grounds that they were among those causing disturbances in cinema theatres recently.

COAL PRODUCTION IN RUHR SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Coal production in Ruhr district of Germany has seriously declined, probably owing to R.A.F. activities, according to information reaching the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

One estimate puts the reduction as high as 40 per cent. compared with pre-war production.

On the whole, however, there is evidence that coal production generally has been maintained but there is a considerable shortage of supplies to consumers owing to distribution difficulties.

R.A.F. interference with railway traffic and shortage of railway wagons appear to be the main causes of shortage.

There is also said to have been a considerable falling-off of German coal exports to Italy and other countries.

BRITAIN'S ROUTINE RAIDS

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—

R.A.F. fighters shot down an enemy bomber off the Sussex coast at Angmering to-day.

The bomber was one of a few which singly attempted daylight raids in widely scattered areas of England. Bombs were dropped on a town in the Midlands and on a town in East Anglia but the number of casualties was small and the damage slight.

Submarines In Night Fight

U-Boat Gets Away

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—

A spirited engagement between the British submarine Tuna and a U-boat on the surface in enemy waters by night, is reported in an Admiralty communique.

The U-boat made off at high speed after firing her gun immediately on encountering the Tuna, was certainly hit on the conning tower by one shell but unfortunately this cannot be considered vital damage.

For nearly an hour the Tuna chased the enemy and only broke off the engagement and dived on sighting escort vessels which came to the rescue of the damaged U-boat.

The Tuna had previously sunk an enemy armed tug by gunfire and in neither engagement did the Tuna sustain any damage or casualties.

DISCUSS AID FOR BRITAIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Representative Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day. It is understood that he discussed draft legislation which would enable the Government to extend aid to Britain.

Some authorities forecast that this will require an ultimate expenditure of between three and four billion dollars, besides the huge domestic budget.

Signposts Banned In Eire

DUBLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A ban against the display of signposts comes into force in Eire on February 1. This is in effect an emergency Government order which makes it an offence to display anywhere outside the urban areas, a sign which furnishes an indication to the name, situation, direction or distance to any place.

The order also prohibits the display within the urban areas of signs indicating the direction or distance to any place.

A sign is deemed "displayed" if it can be seen from the highway, train or lowflying aircraft.



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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

Tackling From An Opponent's Left Common Fault That May Cause Accidents AN AGE-OLD PRACTICE

AMONG THE PLAYING FAULTS on the hockey field, one of the most common, and, perhaps, the cause of many an accident is that of wrongly tackling from an opponent's left.

While most definitely barred by the Rules of the game, the action is frequently seen even in first-class hockey, and the practice of fouling an opponent is an old one.

It is one thing to make it illegal in Rules, but it is another for an umpire to be strict in its enforcement and interpretation. It is dealt with in Rule 10 (g) which says:

"nor attack from an opponent's left unless he touch the ball before he touch the stick or person of his opponent."

Not every player can be adjudged of being guilty of deliberate fouling. Much of it is due

(a) to a quick tackle whereby he unwittingly touches the person or stick of his opponent before touching the ball,

(b) to clumsiness or ignorance in making a tackle, or

(c) to making a forlorn and last minute effort to get at the ball.

In doing this, the player either touches the stick of his opponent or, most likely, charges or bumps into him.

Prevalent Practice

IN my opinion, nothing that the International Board can do to redress clause (g) of Rule 10 will ever preclude the common practice of so much definite fouling when tackling on an opponent's left. It is prevalent in Interport and first-class matches!

In spite of good, bad or indifferent umpiring, much of this fouling is a weekly occurrence in the league games each week-end.

Slack Umpiring

SOME umpires, of course, who are hawk-eyed, penalise such an infringement instantly, but there are others who seem slow to detect it and allow "body" play to continue without any check.

But when there are no particular instances of this fouling, it may not always be due to a lack of knowledge of an ordinary umpire or that he fails to detect the offence. Very often the most competent of umpires is badly unaided or positioned when the offence takes place and fails to see the infringement.

Nevertheless there must be a great number of players, no matter what match category they play, who are habitual offenders, and even when pulled up by the umpire fail to make clean tackling a special feature when going for the ball on the left side.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

15th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 22nd February.

Entries for the above will close at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1941, at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 6th January, 1941.

FOOTBALL

SING TAO versus SOUTH CHINA

Sunday, 12th January, 1941.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS

Macao Anxious To Entertain Visitors

I HAVE RECEIVED a letter from the Secretary of the Macao Hockey Club, and he informs me that Macao is anxiously waiting for week-end visits from Hongkong teams.

They are also keen that the Interport match be played this year, as it is our turn to visit Macao.

The matter is to be discussed at a Council meeting of the H.K.H.A. which will be held next Thursday.

THE Umpires Association, I am glad to see, is taking a keener interest in its work. Umpires are now supplied with cards where results of matches are to be recorded, and later posted to the Secretary. Officialing officials are also required to sign the cards.

Capt. Martin, the President, who takes an active part in umpiring himself, will, I am sure, see that no stone is left unturned as far as the welfare of umpiring and the umpires is concerned.

R. MARQUES, the popular Recreio right-half who has been out of the game since the season commenced, participated in his first match last Sunday when his Club defeated the 5th A.A. Bats, "B". He seems to have fully recovered from his arm injury and gave a good account of himself.

ROYAL Engineers, who suffered their second defeat in the League at the hands of Khalsa last Sunday, were again without the services of two of the better players—Shaw (inside-left) and Taylor (right back)—who were reserving themselves for a football match. The Sappers have just returned from camp and have not fully recovered from the effects or after-effects of the New Year!

THE Triangular Tournament games between the Navy, Army and Hongkong H.C. are due to commence next month. The civilians will find the Army a very difficult hurdle to overcome this year.

The games should prove most interesting.



The Khalsa-Royal Engineers Tournament League match in progress at Sookunpoo last Sunday.—Ming Yuen.

ASSN. TOURNAMENT

Skill Triumphs Over Vigour
Khalsa 3 R.E. 1
M'sex 3 Rajputs 3

ONE OF THE BEST games seen in the Large Units Tournament was played at Shum-shuipo last Sunday afternoon when in a fast and strenuously contested encounter six goals were shared by the Middlesex and Rajputana Regiments.

Highlights of the match were the three splendid goals scored by Bright, the Mids' centre-forward, and the equalising goals in succession by Capt. S. W. Wood, Rajputs' centre-half, of short corner hits.

Out of a total of four short corners, Wood converted three—a brilliant achievement.

The Mids., who were always on the offensive in the first half, took the lead after 15 minutes play when Bright got his stick to a first timer off a good centre from Moggridge.

The Rajputs took some time to settle down, and before they could hit back, the interval arrived.

Indians Retaliate

IN the second half the Indians settled down to better hockey with Innat All shining, particularly in the way he switched the ball out to Li Coal on the right wing. The latter made good use of his speed.

Fugle Mohd, at inside-right, also caught the eye with his clever stick-work.

Forcing their first short corner within ten minutes, Capt. Wood scored from the hit. Mids again forced the pace and Bright scored two brilliant goals to complete his hat-trick.

But Rajputs equalised through Capt. Wood from two further short corners.

In the closing stages, the visitors tightened up and by quick tackling forced the pace and Bright scored two brilliant goals to complete his hat-trick.

The home visitors were completely bottled up by the wing halves, and Capt. Wood must be congratulated on a fine afternoon's work.

The Mids' halves, Ure, Crowley and Waldron, were splendid workers, with Stickley outstanding at right back. A draw was a fair reflection of the game.

Provision of Lineamen

Mr C. Gillingham said that unofficial complaints had been made to him by referees of the non-provision of lineamen by junior teams for their matches.

The Chairman pointed out that the referees concerned should submit their complaints to the League Management Committee so that adequate action could be taken. At any rate, the Council would see to it that junior clubs be informed of the situation.

In answer to a query by Mr Walter Hanning Chen, the Chairman said that the Council had had objection to clubs handing over the proceeds of their league games to charity.

The Chairman pointed out that the charity match in aid of the Society for the Relief and Education of Youth in the War Area, for which permission had already been granted, had not yet been arranged. It was decided to arrange the match at the end of the season.

Mr J. McKelvie observed that clubs contemplating travelling should inform the Council at the beginning of the season instead of in the middle, and was told by Mr Chen that this was rather difficult because negotiations had to be made.

WEEK-END CRICKET

Teams Selected For League Matches

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their league cricket matches on Saturday:

First Eleven (versus Craigengower, away): E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmerman, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmerman and R. T. Broadbridge. Umpire, J. P. Robinson; scorer, R. Leigh.

Second Eleven (versus Hongkong University at home): S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, H. Broadbridge, F. Goodwin, Major W. V. Parsons, R. J. Fenton, and J. R. Luke. 12th man, G. W. Giffen.

K.C.C. v. Volunteers

A Volunteers eleven will meet a K.C.C. team in an all-day friendly match at the K.C.C. on Sunday, starting at 11.30. The following teams have been chosen:

Volunteers: L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, D. G. Day, W. S. Gegg, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, T. Lee, T. A. Madar, A. E. Perry and E. Zimmerman. Scorer, C. E. Gahagan.

K.C.C.—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, N. A. E. Mackay, W. L. Rapley, S. A. Gray, and E. Curtis.

Indian Teams

The following are the Indian R. C. teams for Saturday's Cricket League matches:

1st XI v. University (away)—K. Nazari (Capt.), M. el Arculli, A. R. Mnu, K. M. Humjahn, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, S. A. Jamil, A. R. Kitchell, A. R. H. Zsmall, A. J. Humjahn and A. N. Other.

2nd XI v. Craigengower C.C. (home)—M. I. Humjahn, A. R. H. Zsmall, F. A. Barma, M. I. Nazari, A. R. Sufaid, F. A. Curreen, T. Ali, A. el Arculli, Jr., A. M. Humjahn, J. M. A. Hamjahn and M. B. Hassan.

Recreio Teams

The following will represent Club de Recreio in League and friendly Cricket fixtures on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st XI v. Army (friendly, at home)—E. L. Gosano, W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodrigues, H. L. Osoiro, L. O. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Belisao, A. P. Pereira Jr., M. M. Mendonca and A. M. Prata.

2nd XI v. Police (League, away)—F. A. R. Alves (Capt.), F. R. N. da Silva Jr., H. A. Barros, A. J. M. Prata, A. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho, J. A. Soares, Remedios, D. T. Gosano, M. D'Almada Remedios and A. H. D'Almada Remedios.

Bowls Rinks For Saturday's Game

The following have been provisionally selected to play for the Northumberland and Durham Association in the intra-association bowls match to be held on Saturday, at the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.

W. Greig, S. Hodder, N. L. Smith, J. Wood, J. Fraser, N. Hardie, Dean Wilson, J. Radford, R. W. Carr, M. E. Purvis, E. L. Starling, E. Carmichael, J. McDermott, E. Pearce, D. Kosick, J. S. R. Humble, E. Gwynne, J. Hempsy, A. D. Spoor, T. Waller, T. Coleman, G. Houston, W. G. Coates, G. Anderson, W. Hudson, W. McPherson, W. M. Watson, J. McPherson, G. Henderson, W. Morrison, G. Derham, W. Reive.

Arrangements have been made to include all members who attend and desire to play. The match will commence at 2.30 p.m.

A supper and concert will follow commencing at 8 p.m.

Lai Wah Cup And Junior Shield Football Draws

The draw for the first round proper of the Junior Shield and the Lai Wah Cup competitions was held at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Council yesterday, and resulted as follows:

Junior Shield.—Royal Scots or Chinese Amateur Sports Club v. South China; R.E. or Kowloon v. 30th R.A. or Club; R.A.M.C. v. Police; Eastern v. Navy; Sing Tao "B" v. Kit Chee or Sing Tao "A"; 30th R.A. or R.A.O.C. v. Signals; Middlesex or R.A.S. v. 12th R.A. or 24th R.A.; Kwong Wah v. International.

Lai Wah Cup.—Army v. China; Civilian v. Navy.

The Chairman, Mr Wong Ka-tsin, said that as a result of the cancellation of the Interport series with Shanghai, it had been decided to play the Lai Wah Cup matches on the dates reserved. Accordingly, the Civilians v. Navy match would be played on the Kowloon F.C. ground on January 26, and the Army v. China game on the following day at Causeway Bay. Popular prices would be charged for both games.

Mr Wong also said that the Secretary of the Shanghai Football Association had sent a letter, explaining why a team could not be sent on the reasons given were: (1) the present uncertain political situation; (2) the impossibility of guaranteeing transportation facilities within a fixed limit for the return of the players, and the difficulty of obtaining permission to land in Hongkong; and (3) the difficulty of players in obtaining leave. The letter expressed the hope that a team would be able to come to Hongkong next year.

It was stated that the match on January 1 in aid of the S. C. M. Post Bomber Fund and the British War Organisation Fund realised about \$2,000.

Australian Tour

An application by both Eastern A.A. and South China A.A. to make a combined and extensive tour of Australia during the closing season was granted. Permission was also granted to the Sing Tao Sports Club to advance two of their fixtures to enable them to tour the Philippines between February 24 and March 13 tentatively.

Subject to their fulfilling their commitments to the Association by that time, the Eastern A.A. was also allowed to make a tour of the Philippines in the middle of March or the beginning of April.

Mr Mok Hing said that he had received information to the effect that two teams from Burma would arrive in Hongkong about April 10.

The action of Mr W. E. Hollands in not allowing Howlett to play in the match in the "War Fund" match on January 1 was endorsed by the Council. Mr Hollands, who was manager of the Association team in that game, explained that players were told to be present by 3 p.m. but it was not until the team was already in the field that Howlett turned up. Howlett had stated that he could not turn up in time be-

cause of his duties, but he should have informed him of it beforehand, Mr Hollands added.

Provision of Lineamen

Mr C. Gillingham said that unofficial complaints had been made to him by referees of the non-provision of lineamen by junior teams for their matches.

The Chairman pointed out that the referees concerned should submit their complaints to the League Management Committee so that adequate action could be taken. At any rate, the Council would see to it that junior clubs be informed of the situation.

In answer to a query by Mr Walter Hanning Chen, the Chairman said that the Council had had objection to clubs handing over the proceeds of their league games to charity.

The Chairman pointed out that the charity match in aid of the Society for the Relief and Education of Youth in the War Area, for which permission had already been granted, had not yet been arranged. It was decided to arrange the match at the end of the season.

Mr J. McKelvie observed that clubs contemplating travelling should inform the Council at the beginning of the season instead of in the middle, and was told by Mr Chen that this was rather difficult because negotiations had to be made.

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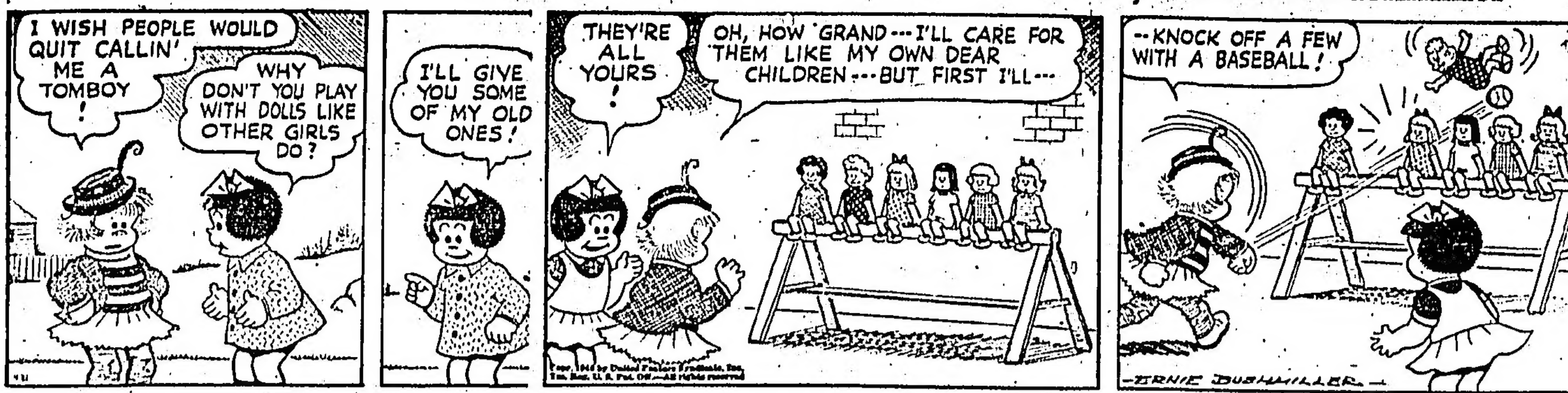
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JOHORE'S SULTAN MARRIES

The sixty-seven-year-old multi-millionaire Sultan of Johore had a happy ending to a romance in London, when he married twenty-four-year-old Marcella Mendl, slim Rumanian.

It was in contrast to his meeting and romance with Lydia Hill, London cabaret girl, whom he first met six years ago.

He wanted to marry Lydia Hill, but circumstances arose which made it impossible, so it was reported at the time.

Then Lydia was killed recently in an air raid on Canterbury. The sultan has telephoned Lydia's mother each day since.

The romance with Miss Mendl began some weeks ago when she told him a Red Cross flag.

At her wedding, she wore a magnificent sapphire engagement ring and on her frock a crescent-shaped brooch made of two tiger claws mounted in silver and with the sultan's crown and monogram set in diamonds.

The sultan wore the khaki and gold uniform of Colonel-Commandant of the Johore military forces.

After the wedding, which was at Caxton Hill, he said: "We are very happy. I do not think there is anything more I can say."

The ceremony was held in the large conference hall. Miss Mendl's mother, Captain Abdullah, aide-de-camp to the sultan, and officials were present.

"There will be no formal reception, no going-away or honeymoon," Captain Abdullah said. "The sultan's plans are uncertain. I do not know when he will leave England."

Youths Accused Of Imitating Siren

A verdict of not guilty was reached at Haverhill Sheriff Court recently in a case in which two youths were alleged to have imitated with their mouths an air raid siren, and having reasonable cause to believe that such an act was likely to be mistaken for the making of an authorized signal. How she heard a noise, "just like the siren," outside her house, was described by Mrs. Frederick Chisholm, 17 Trinity Street, Haverhill. She went to the door, she said, and saw other people at doors and windows. One of the accused said that he had been discussing the air raid siren with his chums, and the sound "arose out of the conversation."

NAPOLEON RELICS SAVED

Some of the most famous of France's national treasures—Napoleon's hat, sword, medals and even the key to his tomb—are now safely in the historic chateau of Malmaison after nearly being lost in the exodus from Paris.

The relics were found in cases aboard who abandoned lorries by a doctor in Etampes, who took them to his hospital, and later Senator Henry Haye, now Petain's ambassador to the United States, provided a lorry to take the cases to Versailles where they were opened in the presence of an official committee.

HITLER'S "JERSEY LILIES"

SCORES of Hitler Youth girls, mostly dressed in white blouses and shorts, have arrived in Jersey on a "cultural mission."

The towns and villages are full of them, though how the inhabitants will react to their "culture" is not yet apparent, especially as the Islanders are allowed only two meals a day—poor meals at that.

And "culture," especially of the Nazi model—girls or no girls—needs something to swallow with it.

Most of Jersey's produce is being sent to France to replace French crops seized by Germany, and the invaders are doing nothing to alleviate the growing food shortage.

Private stocks of food and wines have been seized. So have private American cars which have been sent to Germany.

Apart from the Germans, only doctors are now allowed to motor on the island.

In-Laws Would Not Let Him In

A MAN whose wife left him on their wedding day was granted a decree nisi at Newcastle Assizes recently because of her desertion.

The case for the husband, Fred Maurice Sloc, of Tamworth-road, Newcastle, was that immediately after the marriage on Feb. 27, 1935, he and his wife went to her people.

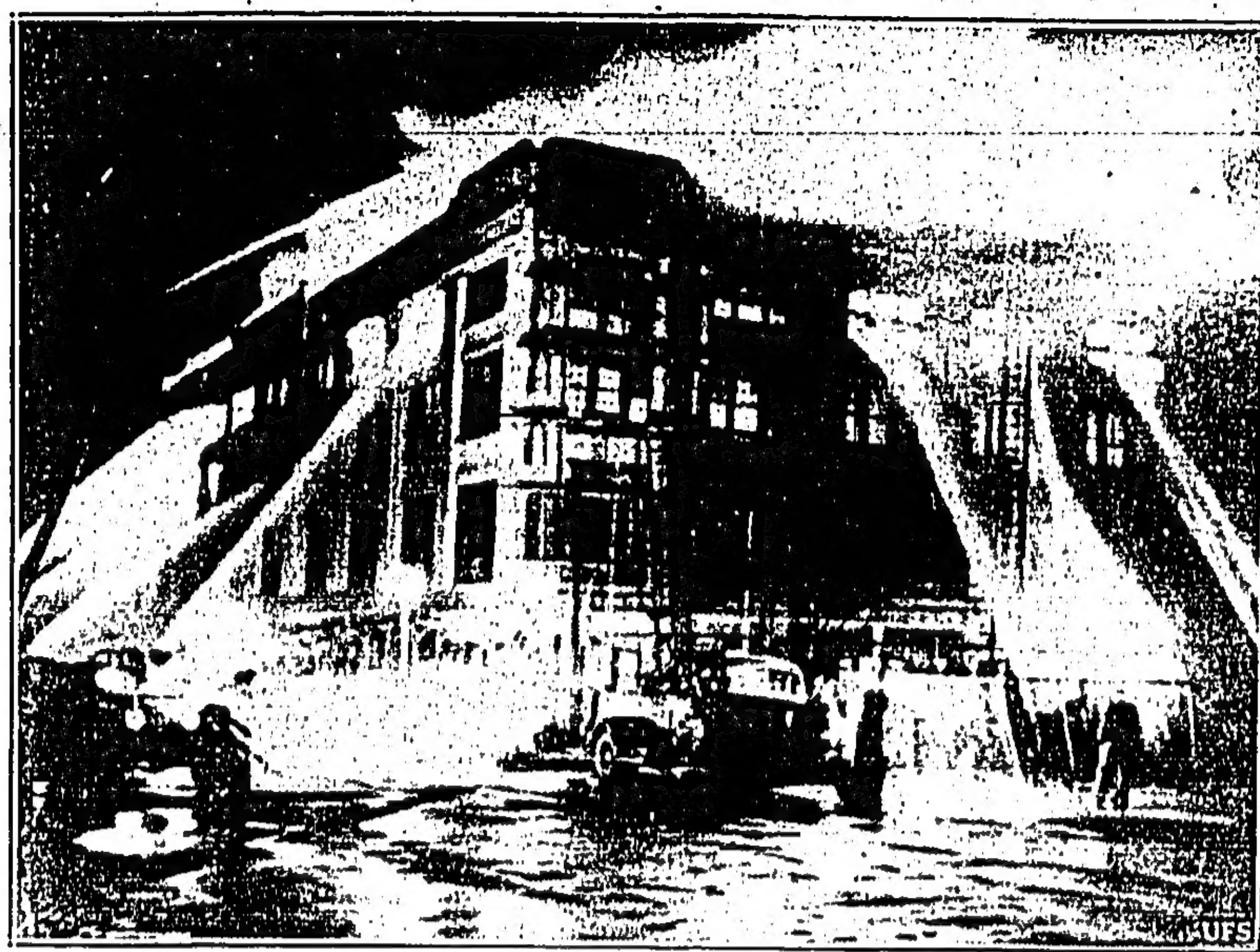
They were hostile towards him and refused to let him into the house. His wife would not live with him and he had never lived with her.

Magistrate Dazed By Drink

Mr Herbert Metcalfe, Old-street magistrate, who dies following a fall, was under the influence of drink when he fell. It was stated at a Benconsfield, Bucks, inquest.

The coroner said Mr Metcalfe, who was fifty-two, came home under the influence of alcohol, tried to get up the stairs, but collapsed and struck his head against the door.

"Accidental death" was the verdict.



MYSTERY FIRE—Early morning fire wrecks the Municipal Auditorium and armory of the 179th Field Artillery, at Atlanta, Ga., in which \$1,000,000 worth of U. S. Army equipment was stored. Sabotage was suspected.

Nazi Domination Grows More Marked In Japan

German efficiency, as well as German political notions, may permeate Japanese Government affairs from this time on, according to confidential word just brought here by a competent foreign observer, says the Shanghai correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

Four major Japanese Government Departments are now in great degree under the influence of newly-imported German advisers. They are the Home Office, the War Office, the Navy and the Treasury. Rumours have also mentioned the Foreign Office but it appears that the German touch has fallen more lightly there—possibly because it was not, under existing conditions in Japan, regarded as of major importance.

Much had been heard previously of German personnel and influence in the Home Office, and it is to this element that chief responsibility for the recent arrests and convictions of leading Britons in Japan was attributed.

Now, however, it appears that the police are more than ever receiving German guidance and assistance. The result may be less a direction of persecutory efforts against Britons than tightening up of Japanese police methods, hitherto more painstaking than efficient.

Nazi Influence in Army
The Japanese Army has long admired German military ideas and it is logical to assume that the recent tri-Power Pact might increase Japanese Army dependence upon German guidance. In this, Japan is only following an earlier example of China—which, however, lacked the extensive resource and mechanized machinery with which German advisers could work.

The Japanese were successful in persuading Hitler to order the German advisers out of Chinese National Government employ. Now it seems that they may be availing themselves of a type of guidance which their own observation, from the other side of the lines, showed them to be sound from a military standpoint, always able or willing to take full advantage of advice given.

The German-directed preparations for the Chinese defence of Nanking in the autumn and winter of 1937 was conceded in all quarters to have been a masterful job. After Shanghai fell, however, the Chinese suffered a period of turmoil in their own internal organization and they therefore failed to take advantage of the careful German-wrought scheme.

Stand in Navy Affairs
Japan's Navy probably feels itself more independent of German advice than the Army, both because it knows that it maintains a high degree of efficiency, and because the Germans are not as well regarded on sea as on land. Nevertheless it is understood that German advisers have found their way into the Navy Department.

Finally there is the question of the Treasury. It has long been declared that many, probably most, of the monetary controls in the bloc of nations whose currency is based on the Japanese yen were rather blindly based on German examples. The Japanese were said to have imitated without fully understanding what they were doing.

ARSENIC WIDOWS TO DIE

TWO women, known as "Arsenic widows," are to die in the electric chair. They are members of the Philadelphia "murder for insurance" syndicate.

They are sixty-years-old Mrs. Giovonette and Mrs. Rumaldo, aged forty-nine. Another woman, alleged to have been responsible for more than 100 deaths, was sentenced to three to twenty years' imprisonment.

Key figure in the syndicate was Herman Petrillo, convicted last year after confessing to being implicated in a dozen murders.

A doctor gave evidence that Petrillo tried to obtain typhoid germs from him.

The "arsenic widows" inveigled men into marriage, induced them to insure their lives heavily, and then murdered them.

The gang also faked hit-and-run accidents. If a man refused to insure his life, the "professional widows" divorced him.

BRIBES FOR BRIDES

FRENCH brides under 28 are being offered a Government bribe of £60 for a pledge that they will never take up paid employment.

It is part of the Vichy Government's back-to-the-kitchen movement for women.

One of a number of decrees just issued forbids State institutions, except schools, to engage married women.

Women Civil servants over 60 who have husbands in the service are to be pensioned off at once.

All women Civil servants who have well-paid husbands are fewer than three children are to be dismissed.

Blunt Talk On Japan To Americans

Mr James R. Young, for many years a news correspondent in Tokyo who was detained in a Japanese gaol for 61 days for sending news to America which did not meet with the approval of the Japanese army, spoke bluntly about Japan to a Baltimore audience.

He declared that Japan was afraid of the United States and Soviet Russia, and was no threat to America.

Here are some of Mr Young's more pungent remarks. Correspondents in Asia refer to Japan's publicised new order as a "new odour," because it smells of bombings, bribery, carpet-baggers and narcotics.

Japan, contrary to belief, is not united—five military factions, two dominant political parties, a fairly democratic Press with a tremendous circulation, a dissatisfied public, and businessmen fed up with keeping the war going, comprise the complex kingdom of Japan.

Japanese Police
Mr Young described the police in Japan as having a fourth grade intelligence, adding: "They grab you and want to know what you are thinking. If you don't express your thoughts, you are held for further investigation. If you do, you are held for six months or a year on general principles."

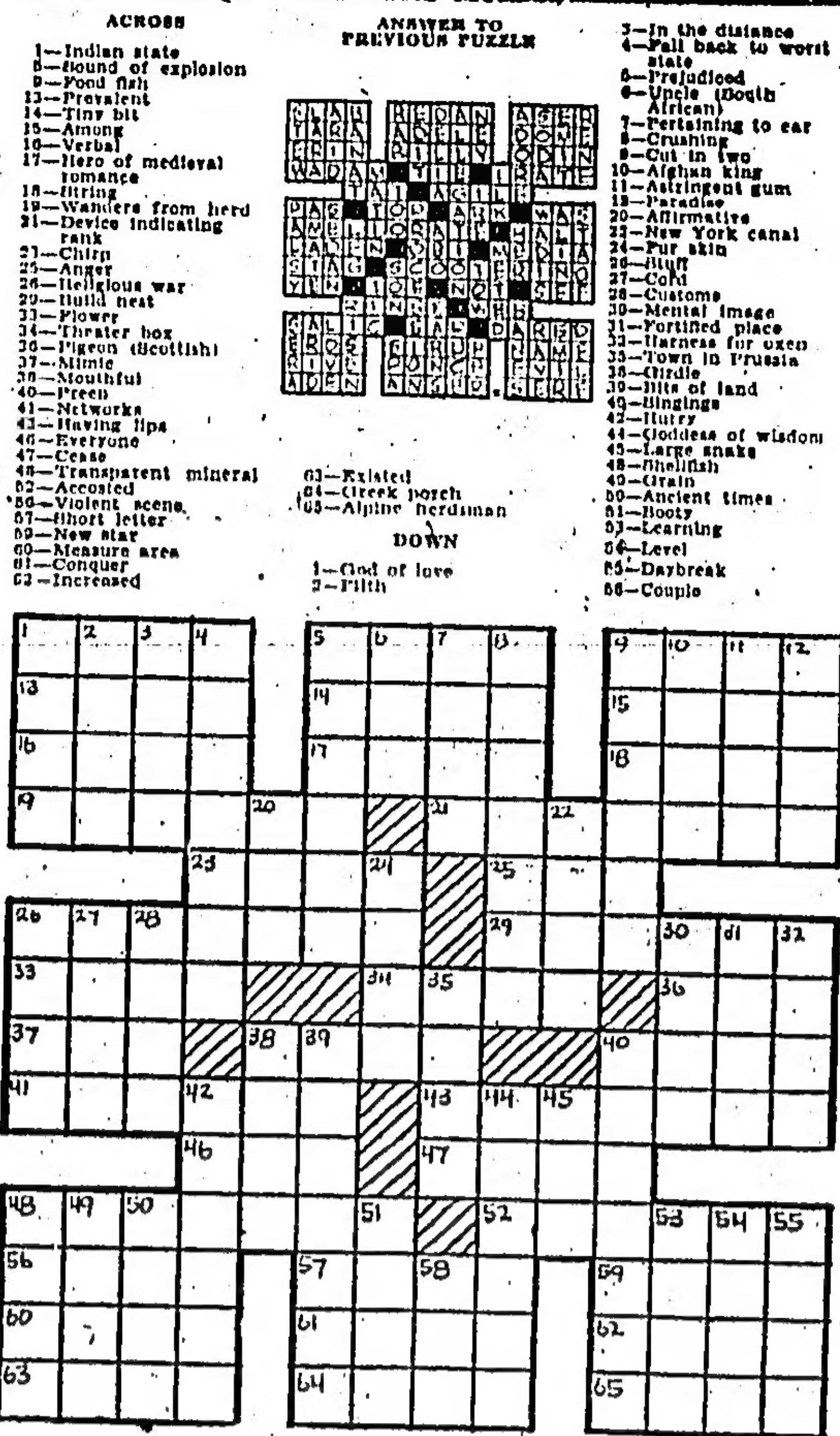
Trade relations between Japan and Germany he described as "one country crooking another," adding that Japan and Germany do not trust each other and no treaty will last between them.

Army-Navy Tilt
Mr Young emphasised the conflict between Japan's army and navy, and said Japan was having a hard time with the China campaign. He declared that "a lot of Japanese leaders in China would like to pack up their troubles in the old kit bag and head homeward if they could save face. China will never give in to Japan."

Mr Young paid tribute to the work of the United States Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr Joseph Grew, "a man of the finest type for such a difficult post—holding the Embassy fort in Tokyo against unbelievable odds." The correspondent also told his Baltimore audience of his 61 days in a Tokyo gaol.

Crossword Puzzle

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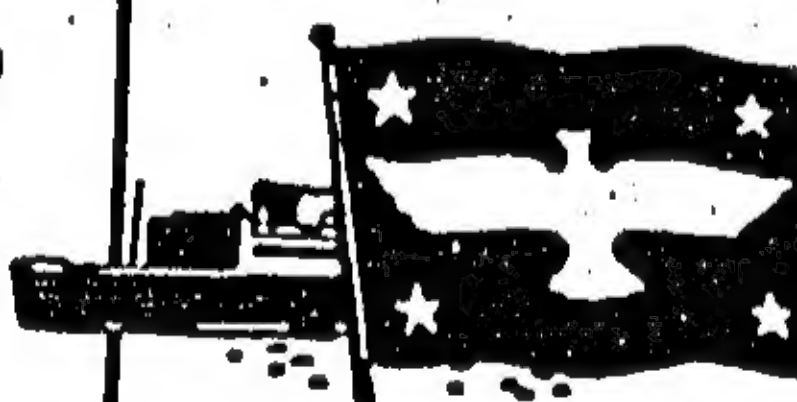
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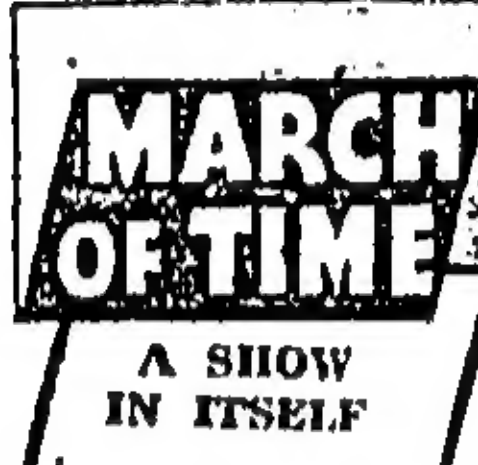
HEADS MISSION—Marquis of Willington, right, former governor of Canada and former vicar of India, interviewed by newsmen in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He heads British Economic "Victory" Mission touring South American countries, outlining hopes for new economic exchange with New World.

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Only 600 Casualties In Capture Of Bardia

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Italian advance positions in which the Greeks suffered heavy losses.

Closing in On Tobruk
("REUTERS" WITH BRITISH HEADQUARTERS)
CAIRO, Jan. 8.—The Italian garrison at Tobruk is unlikely to receive any more reinforcements and its position is becoming increasingly serious.

No Italian movements are detected by aircraft reconnoitering over the Tobruk area while the British Imperial forces are hourly closing in on this town.

British Headquarters here at Cairo are unwilling to make much comment on the nature of the advance but it is gathered that the operations are proceeding to the "utmost satisfaction" of the commanders.

The complete collapse of morale among Graziani's forces is illustrated by official disclosures that three Blackshirt commanders deserted their men on the night before Bardia fell. The whereabouts of General Berganzoli, who commanded the Bardia garrison, remain a mystery. Initially reported captured, he is now stated to be missing.

A military spokesman at Cairo tonight suggested that the Blackshirt General who has since been captured may have been mistaken for Berganzoli. The open rocky nature of the terrain, said the spokesman, doubtless facilitated his escape from Bardia.

Before the British force launched the final onslaught, it might have been possible for a small batch of Italians to creep through the cordon round the town.

19 Killed Aboard British Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LISBON, Jan. 8 (UP).—According to the "Diario Noticias" correspondent at San Vicente Island, Boca Verge, the explosion aboard the British steamer Shakespeare, which was torpedoed off Salisland by an Italian U-boat last Monday, killed 19 members of the crew.

The remaining 23 men disembarked on Salisland.

Badminton League

Kowloon Tong Boat
Police 6-3

Handicapped by the absence of two regular players, Police lost to Kowloon Tong 3-0, in the 13 Division (Section B) of the Badminton League last night. W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police) beat Peter Lo and J. Tang 21-8; beat R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee 21-14; beat S. C. Chan and Lee Po 21-14.

J. MacDonald and H. Dingdale (Police) lost to Lo and Tang 4-21; lost to Lee and Lee 13-21; lost to Chan and Lee 9-21. H. Hoarh and J. Shepherd (Police) lost to Lo and Tang 4-21; lost to Lee and Lee 10-21; lost to Chan and Lee 6-21.

Win For St. John's
St. John's defeated St. Andrew's 7-2. D. Kwok and E. Kennard lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kow 10-21; beat M. Davies and M. Merrett 21-10; beat E. H. White and J. Tomlinson 21-4.

N. Smith and P. Wilson beat Fincher and Kow 21-10; beat Davies and Merrett 21-6; beat White and Tomlinson 24-22. R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd lost to Fincher and Kow 13-21; beat Davies and Merrett 21-11; beat White and Tomlinson 21-5.

Jewish R. C. Lose
In Section A Recreos beat Jewish R.C. 8-1.

C. C. Pereira and A. R. Alves beat D. Dotkin and J. Odell 21-7; beat M. Talan and L. Polnik 21-10; beat A. Odell and S. Ramier 21-14.

P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho beat Dotkin and Odell 21-15; beat Talan and Polnik 21-15; beat Odell and Ramier 21-8. A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha lost to Dotkin and Odell 7-21; beat Talan and Polnik 21-14; beat Odell and Ramier 21-9.

Starting Times For Captain's Cup At Sheungshui

Starting times for the Captain's Cup competition of the Country Club, Sheungshui, will be as follows:

9.30 M. F. Pinna, C. H. Sun,
9.35 A. W. Ramsey, W. C. Hung,
9.40 B. Basto, A. R. Pinna,
9.45 T. C. Lee, E. J. M. Churn,
9.50 C. H. Basto, R. E. Lee,
9.55 Geo. Lee, F. X. Silva,
10.00 A. T. Lee, A. A. Gutierrez.

U.S. TO HAVE THREE FLEETS

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change in that respect was a change of name.

Auxiliary Vessels
The Navy Department, he disclosed, intends to ask Congress for authority to build 200 auxiliary vessels such as submarine chasers, minesweepers and patrol boats.

Asked concerning the possibility of releasing more American destroyers for Britain, Colonel Knox said: "I don't think any more destroyers can be detached from our fleet without seriously impairing its efficiency." He added, however, that the final decision did not rest with him.

No Increase At Present

Colonel Knox declared that it was not intended to increase the Asiatic Fleet's strength at present.

The Navy planned to hold the usual fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific this spring but this arrangement might be changed without notice.

The increase of 42,000 in personnel and the Navy's manpower to 232,000 including the reserves on active duty.

Italian Air Force Is Smashed Up

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by the fact that Italian air activity dropped steadily after the British capture of Sollum, rallying only for two days on January 4 and 5 in a frantic, fruitless effort to save Bardia.

No Italian air operations had been reported from the Dodecanese Islands since the outbreak of the Greek war, the Italian air force there having been virtually "stranded" and starved out of existence by the combined R.A.F. activities and naval blockade.

East Africa Plight
The plight of Italian squadrons in East Africa is nearly as bad and it is noticeable that their operations had been severely restricted for some weeks. It is considered that these squadrons numbering at the most 150 aircraft, are in such straits for lack of supplies and maintenance that operations are impossible.

Meanwhile the R.A.F. in the Middle East is growing steadily stronger. An R.A.F. spokesman in Cairo has just said that reinforcements are pouring in "more rapidly than two months ago."

Vichy Delay Riles Berlin

Plant Cabinet Wanted
LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuters).—The German Government is still impatient about the delay in the Cabinet reconstruction at Vichy in favour of the Germans, and the German-controlled radio at Oslo to-day gave some indication of what the Nazis want.

It was expected, said the Oslo radio, that M. Bonnet (who is a noted pro-German) will join the Cabinet and that other ministers not favoured by Germany will go.

Italy Calling Up More Men

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Jan. 8 (UP).—It was announced that the calling up of the 1921 and 1922 classes will affect 500,000 men. The first class will be sent to barracks immediately and probably to the front, while the second class will be physically examined, beginning January 10.

Traffic Mishaps In Colony

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. last Saturday, there were altogether 95 traffic accidents as the result of which one person was killed and 20 persons were injured.

A Chinese male, age 73, was knocked down and killed by a taxicab while crossing the carriageway.

Of the injured, 14 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway. A rickshaw puller and two bicycle riders were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles. A bus passenger and a tram passenger were injured while alighting from a moving bus and a moving tram, respectively. A bus passenger was injured while attempting to board a moving bus.

Of the accidents, 41 were collisions between vehicles, 42 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians, and 12 were due to other causes.

Cottage Club Ride

The next Cottage Club paper-hunt will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 4 p.m. from Fanling Village. Non-members who can provide their own mounts are cordially invited to attend.

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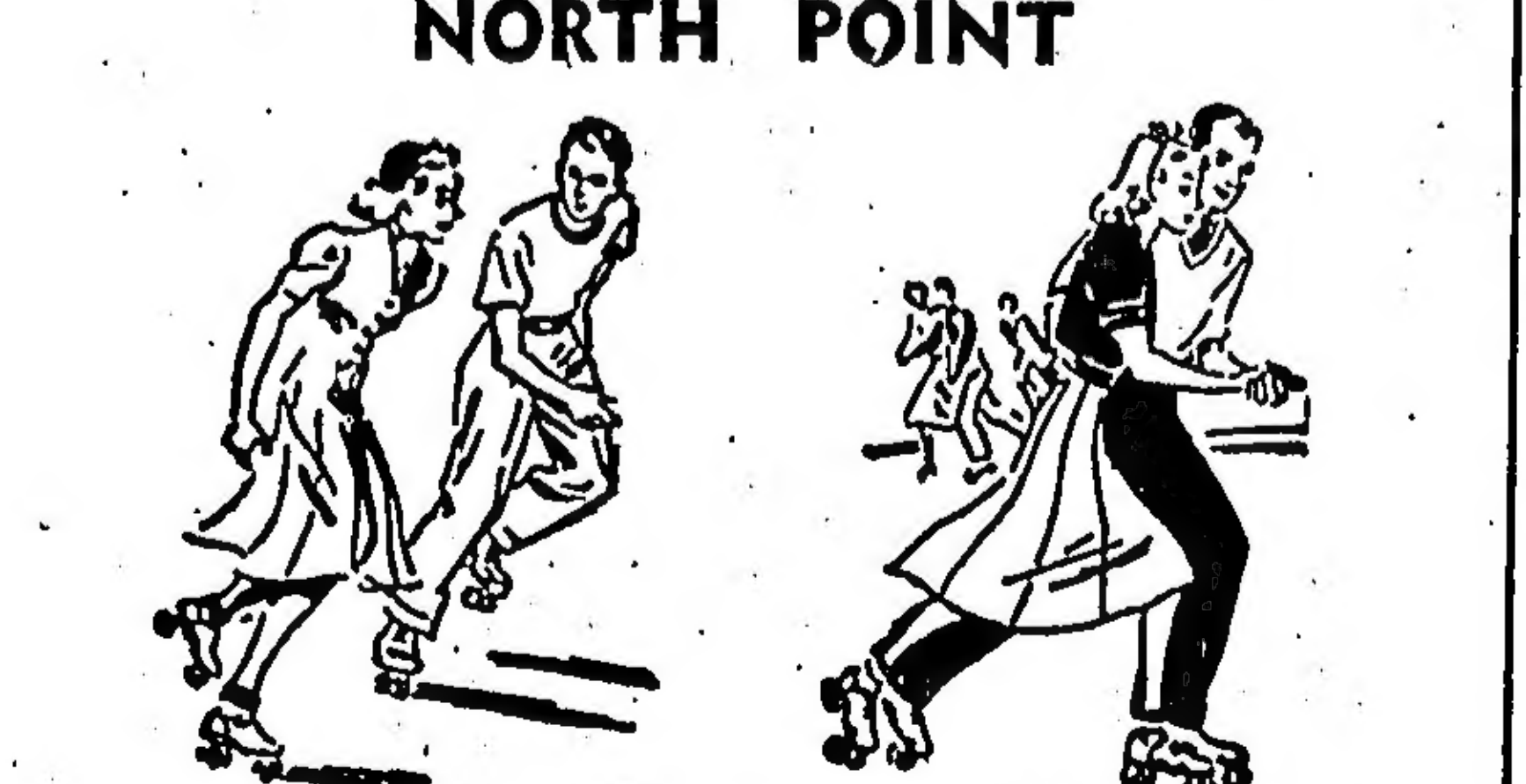
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Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (UP).—The concentration of British tanks, armoured cars, and infantry in the Tobruk area is growing daily, but the military spokesman said that a line of retreat is still open to the Italians. The line is presumed to be along the coastal road leading to Derna.

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Reuter).—indicating the seriousness of the situation between Thailand and Indo-China, it was announced in a broadcast that martial law has been enforced all along the frontier since last night, says a Japanese report, adding that Thailand's High Command has announced that Thailand forces, which captured Poipet, advanced more than 21 miles within Indo-China territory.

All French nationals living in Thailand, were asked to leave the country, it was said, and some to live in special districts established at Bangkok or Donburi within 72 hours, says another Japanese report.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Central News).—In spite of the fact that London has yet received no report from Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador at Tokyo, concerning the Japanese protest over the detention of Japanese subjects in Germany, authoritative quarters here observed that Great Britain must conform strictly to regulations for the purpose of enforcing the blockade during wartime.

They pointed out that this necessity should be appreciated by the Japanese who themselves have enforced stringent measures affecting foreign rights, interests and persons in their occupied areas of China.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Westminster Cathedral, Westminster City Hall and the Temple were among the buildings damaged in the recent air raid it is disclosed to-night.

Several incendiaries and high explosives fell in the City Hall and set the first floor of the council chamber afire. The chamber was burnt out and the contents fell to the ground floor.

A considerable amount of superficial damage was done to the building. The robing room was badly damaged by water.

The staff on duty tackled the fire bravely until the fire fighters arrived. The city records and archives and the throne were removed some time ago to other parts of the country as were portraits of past mayors and pictures of historical scenes.

There were no casualties.

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—General Berganzoli, Italy's Blackshirt commander of the operations at Bardia, slipped through British fingers at the last moment after deserting his troops and leaving the regular commander to fight on.

Air Ministry Theory

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mystery still surrounds the death of Amy Johnson, the famous British airwoman, who was drowned after bailing out of the plane which crashed in the Thames Estuary on Sunday.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Central News).—Sir Geoffry Northcote, Governor of Hongkong, is returning to his post, travelling via the United States. Prior to his departure, Sir Geoffry took leave of the Chinese Ambassador, Dr Quo Tsi-chi, and had a friendly talk with him.

Admiral James Richardson has been ordered to report to Colonel Knox for duty, the nature of which has not been disclosed. Colonel Knox said the reorganization, as far as can be determined, will have no effect on the general setup. He explained that the fleet would hold the customary fleet manoeuvres in the spring time.

C.-in-C. Pacific

Colonel Knox further announced that Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel is replacing Admiral James Richardson as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, and that he will also become Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleets.

Auxiliary Vessels

The Navy Department, he disclosed, intends to ask Congress for authority to build 280 auxiliary vessels such as submarine chasers, minesweepers and patrol boats.

Asked concerning the possibility of releasing more American destroyers for Britain, Colonel Knox said: "I don't think any more destroyers can be detached from our fleet without seriously impairing its efficiency." He added, however, that the final decision did not rest with him.

No Increase At Present

Colonel Knox declared that it was not intended to increase the Asiatic Fleet's strength at present.

The Navy planned to hold the usual fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific this

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JAPANESE GESTURE

Sending Warship To Hanoi

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Jan. 8 (UP).—Informed circles close to the Japanese, disclosed that several small

Japanese warships will arrive in the river off Hanoi on January 18. They believe this movement of ships is an effort to strengthen Japan's hand in the Tokyo negotiations.

Informed circles declare that the arms were not intended for the Chinese border.

The system of communal kitchens during the present war has been adopted with outstanding success, especially in the large cities. A full dinner and sweets are served for sixpence. The majority of the people who use the kitchens have had their homes bombed, but they still carry on. In the lower picture is a charming study of the Queen, warming her hands over a stove while visiting a communal kitchen. With her is Lord Woolton, the Food Minister.



SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (UP).—A General Headquarters communique states: "The concentration of our forces in the Tobruk area is continuing. The total British and Australian casualties, including those captured, are 600. "Active patrolling continues on the Sudan and Kenya frontiers."

Arabs Impressed

ADEN; Jan. 8 (Reuter).—One result of the British victory at Bardia is the change of opinion in Britain's favour in the kingdom of Yemen, according to reliable reports received here.

Many prominent people there are stated to have abandoned support for Italy in favour of Britain.

One indication of the general opinion as to the Italian defeat in the war is that the lire is nowhere accepted while sterling circulates freely.

Italian Communiqué

ROME, Jan. 8 (UP).—To-day's communique stated: "Patrols and artillery were active between Bardia and Tobruk. British planes raided various localities, including Tripoli, killing four and wounding ten. Italian planes torpedoed a British destroyer near El Sollum. Italian Naval units shelled the roads on the Greek-Albanian coast. Italians repulsed a Greek attempt to attack the Italian advance positions in which the Greeks suffered heavy losses."

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—"Germany is not getting more than one-fifth of the available oil out of Rumania, according to figures I recently received, and now with the Danube frozen, I doubt whether she is getting one-tenth."

So declared Mr H. G. Austin, who has just returned from Rumania where he was engaged for six years in the installation of petroleum equipment, speaking at the Fuel Luncheon Club in London.

He said that the position in Rumania was much more favourable to Britain than they were led to expect.

"The impression that Rumania is pro-Nazi and is helping the Germans in every way is quite wrong, and I am not surprised that there are con-

Increasing Trouble

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Jan. 8 (UP).—The Hungarian press displays reports from Sofia and Belgrade regarding increasing troubles in Rumania.

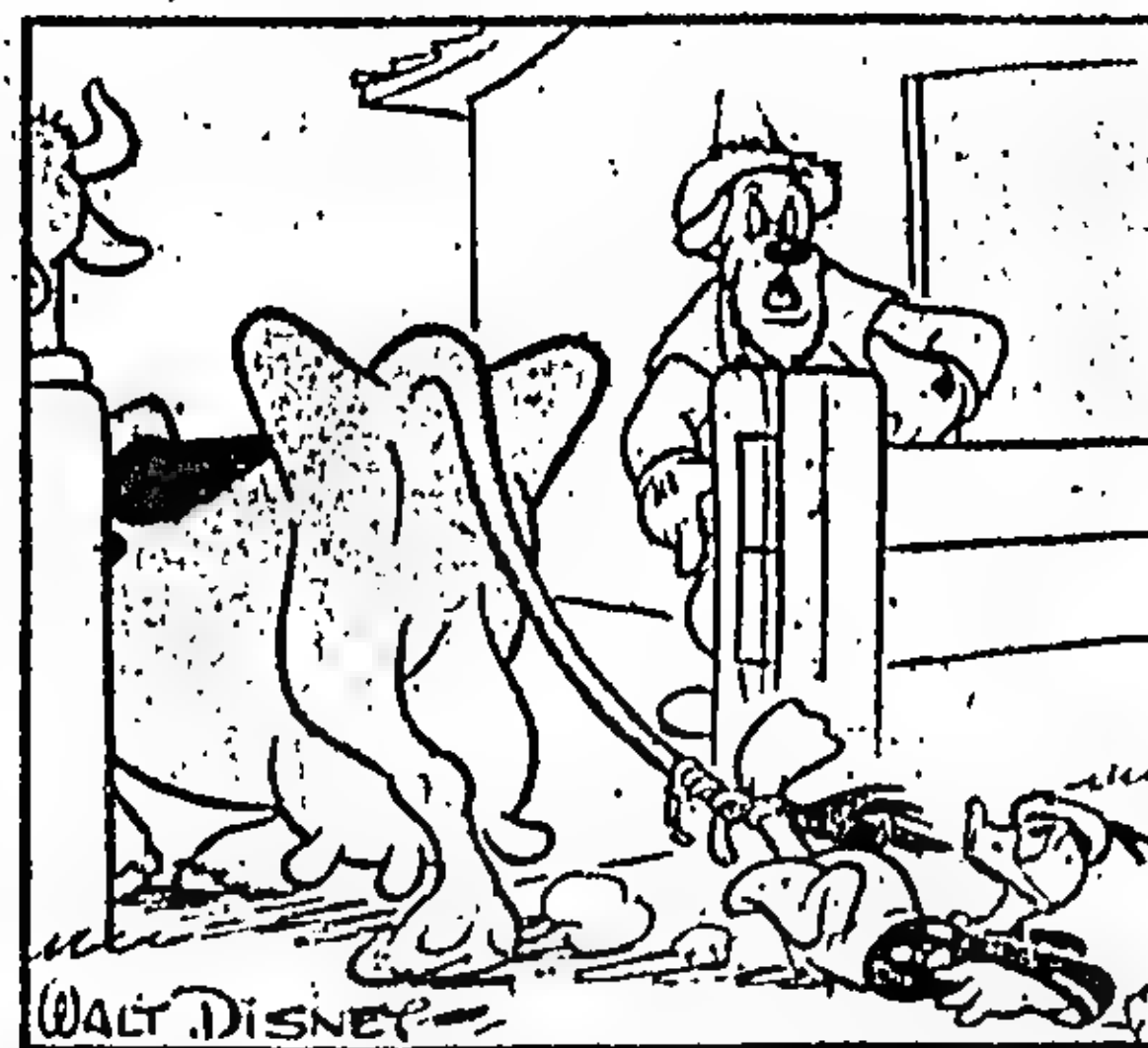
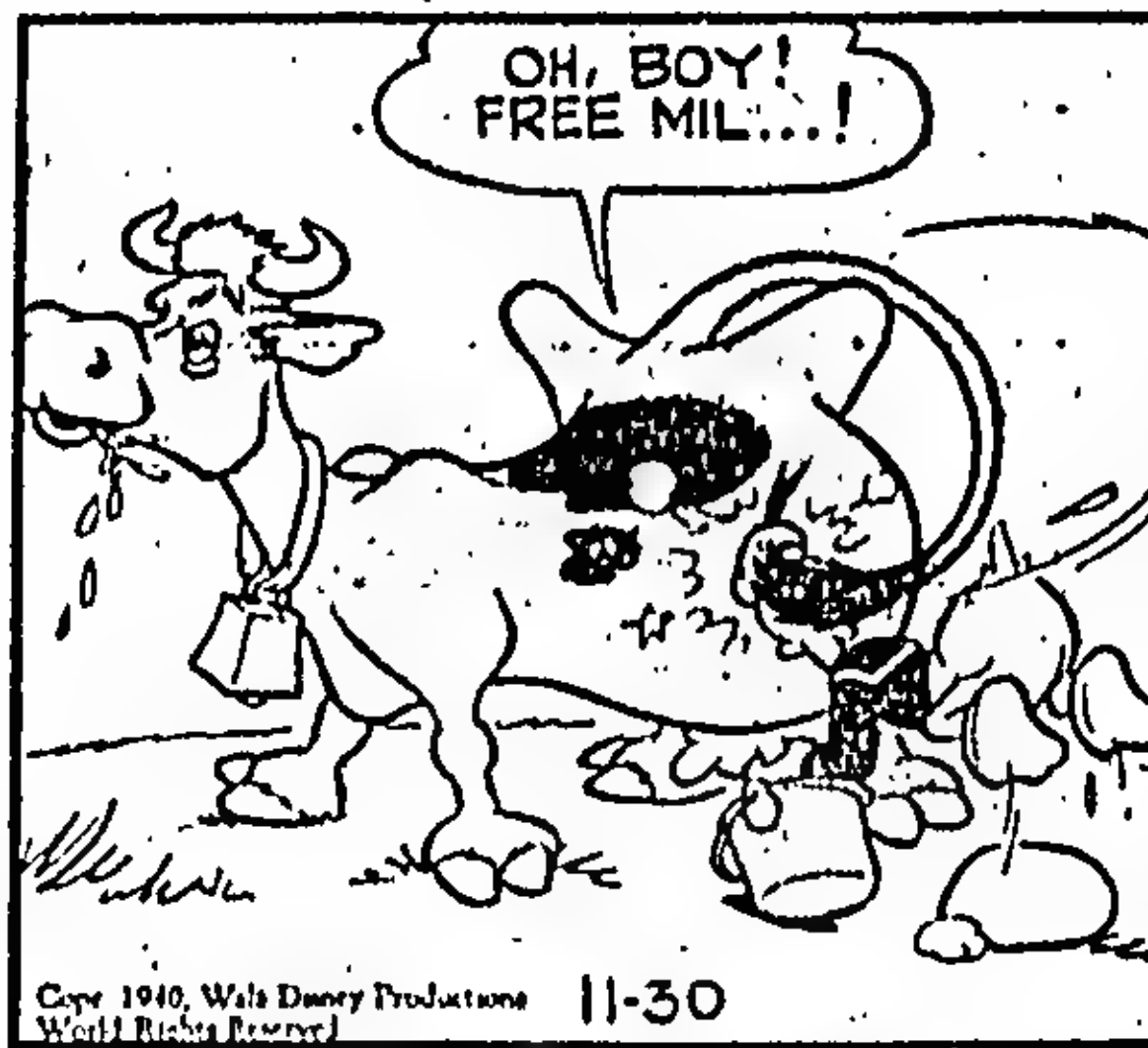
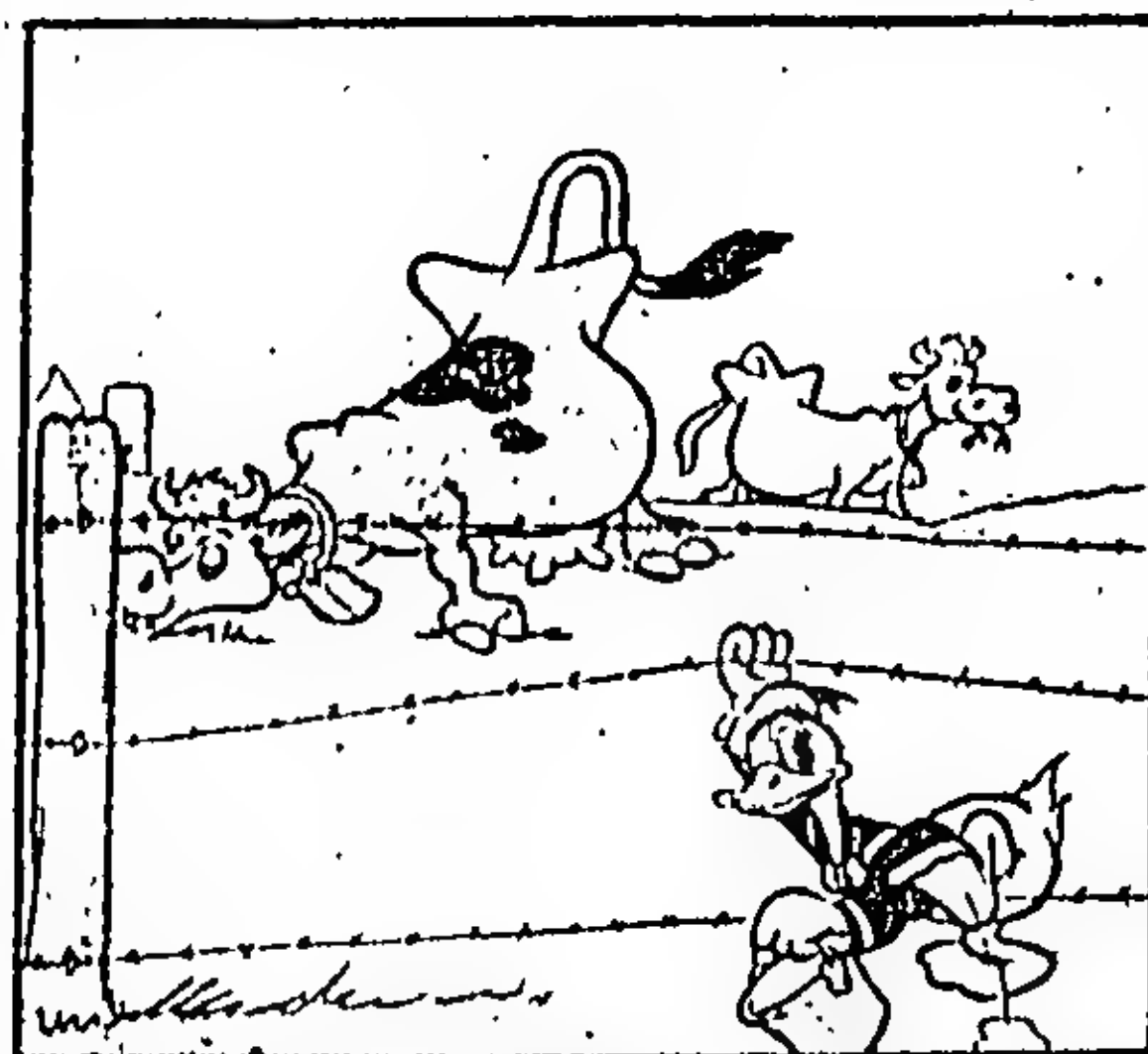
Lurid Reports Unconfirmed

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Some-
what better light was shed on the
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Mussolini's Mystery Isles

By HARRY LEVIN

The Dodecanese Islands have suddenly sprung from their obscurity in the Eastern Mediterranean map into the glare of the war headlines. Harry Levin, who sketches them for you here, visited the islands not long before war broke out between Italy and Greece.

"COME to Rhodes," the gay tourist posters were still beckoning a few weeks ago. "Gem of the Dodecanese, Italy's Aegean Isle of Roses!"

It had everything—beautiful scenery, unrivalled climate, splendid hotels, magnificent antiquities: an earthly paradise above the murmuring Mediterranean.

What they did not add was that it is also an island fortress.

The twelve islands of the Dodecanese, of which Rhodes is larger than the other eleven together, lie midway between Egypt and Greece.

They form to-day a key point in the Mediterranean war.

ONCE TURKISH

From ancient times, when their first known conquerors were the Mycenaeans and Phoenicians, their strategic value has been recognised.

Before the Italians seized them in 1912, they were in Turkish hands. But the bulk of the islanders are Greeks. Their ancestors have lived in the Dodecanese since the dawn of history.

In Rhodes, the tourists are struck by the perfect roads that run up the hillsides to end abruptly, as though their destinations had suddenly vanished.

Those roads lead to skillfully-shuttered nests, blasted out of the hillsides which shelter the Italian batteries.

The number of guns and the extent of the island's other fortifications, are usually things strangers don't find out.

Some of the hillside caverns, however, are known to have begun life as quarries. Now they are fitted with corridors, anti-chambers, rotundas and ventilating shafts.

Nearly 300 miles of roads have been built in Rhodes by the Italians.

One of these highways, linking the aerodrome with the main town, runs along the shore. Parallel with it, along the beach below, runs a line of barbed wire entanglements. On the ridges just above are great coils of more barbed wire.

FOR THE "MERMAIDS"

The Customs guard used to explain with a grin that this prickly barricade was to stop mermaids landing.

Also in readiness for the "mermaids," immense barracks and military hospitals have been built. The main streets, bars, and cinema awarded, when I was there, with green uniforms of the garrison.

Very youthful they were for the most part—short, dark and affable. Many came from the country districts of southern Italy. One, at least, was mightily bored.

He missed the farm at home, he said. There was work to be done there now. And here he was wanting his time. But—with a shrug of the shoulders—it wasn't his business. The Duke wanted him here, and the Duke must be right.

"Well, I don't suppose he's bored and longer."

Three small ports divide the waterfront of Rhodes. Beside one stood the famous 100-foot Colossus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

The Italians have sunk millions of pounds in widening and improving these ports. Continual improvement has been in progress not only in Rhodes but in Leros, Cos and Stampalia.

Particularly Leros—the secret island of the Dodecanese.

To make sure that the secret of this island are kept, thousands of its Greek and Turkish natives were expelled.

Italy's plans have been to turn Leros into a miniature Egypt. The line natural harbour of Porto Lago can hold some of the largest battleships. It has a seaplane base, with many miles of ideal "flying-water," and a naval arsenal.

The eastern side of the island, facing the narrow Diapori Straits that separate it from Anatolia, has been strongly fortified.

MILITARY VALUE

Once, in 1925, two Italian deputies became highly excited about the possibility of settling Italians in the Dodecanese. Five million Italians could be established there, they said, probably more.

Mussolini wasn't interested. For him, in the words of an Italian spokesman, "the value of the islands arises from their geographic military position, which enables us to make of them the base of our future expansion."

So, out of a total population of over 140,000, there used to be only a few thousand Italians, most of them officials, professional men and merchants.

Still, Mussolini has been prodigal with public buildings for them. In the Via del Littorio, near the Rhodes seaport, you see Italian constructive ambition at its height. On each side of the broad street, with not a speck of dirt to mar their severity, are the great clustered Government buildings, the Fascist headquarters, the cinema that is in truth a picture palace.

Venetian, Sicilian, Oriental styles are strewn together, designed not less to overawe the natives than to perpetuate in stone the greatness of the Fascist builders.

PRIVILEGED ISLES

Italy has given the islanders bread and games, and some economic benefits. But it withholds freedom.

All the feeling and all the loyalty of the Greek population—which is nearly 90 per cent. of the total—are for Greece.

Despite concentrated efforts to make them good Italian citizens, they consider Italian rule undesirable. Quietly, their Church, which has long memory, and has not forgotten Greek indignities to its Archbishop as far back as the 16th century, teaches them to keep faith with Greece and Greek culture.

In 1922, for this offence, the Orthodox Metropolitan of Rhodes was expelled.

Under Turkey the islands enjoyed many benefits. They were known, in fact, as the Privileged Isles. Yet they joined the Greek War of Independence.

In the coming of the Italians in 1912 they saw promise of liberation. At the Peace Conference, Venizelos fought for their "untransferable and centuries-old aspiration to unite with Greece."

He obtained a compromise. It seemed that Rhodes, at least, might attain its goal, although the other islands were ceded to Italy.

Then Venizelos fell from grace. In 1924 all the islands were formally annexed to Italy, with the consent of Turkey.

All signs of restlessness in the islands have since been rigorously repressed. In 1939 there were riots. That was the last expression of dissatisfaction.

To-day, although they may seem resigned to their fate, the movement for liberation still stirs uneasily beneath the surface. But it is lacking all power—and now the war has trapped once more the inhabitants of these isles of mystery.

FUNNY SIDE UP

By Abner Dean



"About that money I lent your folks—shall I deduct it as charity or a bad debt?"

The bravest men I ever met

By C. G. Grey

JUST when the Blitzkrieg on Norway had started I was staying with a friend at a Coastal Command station of the R.A.F. It was a queer station. It had started with Avro Ansons to patrol the coast and escort convoys of ships. Then it had acquired some fighters to drive away enemy aircraft which attacked the Ansons.

After that some American Hudson twin-engine machines were given to it. They had more power and range than the little Ansons, and found out important things on the coast of Norway, which led to the borrowing of heavy and medium bombers from the Bomber Command. In fact, the place was a regular aeronautical menagerie.

The day I got there our newspapers had published maps of our new uncharted islands round Denmark and right into the Baltic, far beyond the Skagerrak and Kattegat (friends of our schoolboys), blocking the German and Danish harbours from which ships had to take troops to Norway.

Very rightly our people said: "Wonderful thing the British Navy. But how did our mine-layers or submarines get through the German minefields, and past the German submarines and destroyers and air force to lay those mines?"

TWO evenings about cocktail time into the ante-room of the mess came half a dozen young officers in naval uniform, led by one who was himself led by an amiable but terrific-looking bulldog-man and dog were much the same shape and ever so English.

My host told me that they were part of a Fleet Air Arm squadron which was at the station on a special job. Later, I was shown what it was and how they did it.

On the airfield was a squadron of the Fairey Swordfish, which is a big biplane with a single Bristol Pegasus motor of 600 h.p. Like all Fleet Air Arm machines, the wings fold so that they can go down the lifts in H.M.'s aircraft carriers from the flying deck to the aircraft holds, which the F.A.A. loyal to the m.c. calls hangars.

The machine was built for Fleet reconnaissance, and as a torpedo-dropper, so it is a weight-lifter, and its best cruising speed is about 130 m.p.h.—about that of the trainers which one sees floating around the bay.

These Swordfishes for the special job were different. Where the navigator ought to sit was an enormous petrol-tank which stuck

up above the deck between the pilot and the aft cockpit. It took up all the second seat, and ended in a blank wall high above where the third seat should have been. Then the navigator had to sit with his legs underneath a mass of petrol, all ready to crown him in flames if an incendiary bullet caught it.

AT bombing-up time, just before dark, instead of the normal torpedo or bombs, huge flat-ended barrels were rolled out on trolleys and fixed between the wheels.

These were our magnetic mines for the Baltic, far more powerful and more magnetic than the German mines of which we heard so much at the time, and now looked upon as a busted flush.

Those barrels brought the flying speed of the old Swordfish down to about 60 m.p.h.

That night, as the rest of us were going peacefully to bed, we heard the growl of the Bristol starting up, and a few minutes later the drone of heavy stuff taking off, circling the C.O.'s house and heading seawards.

Next morning they all came back, bar one, who had to land at another airfield and bent his untiring. They reported on results, had their supper at a late breakfast-table, and went to bed, all ready to do it again next night.

NOW figure to yourself that sort of courage—the "three o'clock in the morning courage" which Napoleon admired in our people—the machine outrageously overloaded, carrying a mine which would leave nothing to pick up if it exploded in a crash, and carrying a truck-load of petrol to give the 1,000 miles range; its speed such that the worst anti-aircraft gunner or searchlight operator could hardly miss it; its only protection against fighters the fact that it was too slow for them to stay with it and shoot at it; pilot and navigator without the companionship of a cabin, lonely all night on the end of a telephone wire.

They had none of the excitement of the single-seat fighter, or his interval for refreshment after his three-hour patrol, and none of the crewship, as it were, of the big bombers or the flying boats. If ever there was a solitude of a deuce, the mine-layers in the Swordfishes had it for most of twelve hours at a stretch.

They were the bravest men I have met. I have known a good many V.C.s and plenty of D.S.O.s.

Why Grow Old?

By Josephine Lowman

When you look into the mirror don't indulge in wishful thinking as the wicked queen in Snow White did. If we look only at our best points and try to overlook the others, we will fall far short of our potentialities for loveliness.

Our mirrors should be so placed and so lighted that they will tell us the truth about our faults in complexion, hair and figure. If we are to overcome faults we must first recognise them.

Too many women go in for the becoming, rosy, dim lights which flatter them into carelessness and neglect. We can have these in our boudoirs, but at some place we should have brightly lighted mirrors with which to whet our appetite for self-improvement.

Four Mirrors Needed

A woman really needs four mirrors to help her appraise herself and care for herself. First she must have one which she can use at her dressing table. This should be large enough for her to see herself from her head to her waist. Next, she needs a hand mirror, one full-length one, and a magnifying glass. The latter is of the greatest aid in studying the skin, applying lipstick and weeding out stray hairs from the brows.

Lighting is also important. Some ladies attempt to use the bulbs which represent sunlight, electric light, or daylight. However, this is a rather risky business, except for experts, and it is usually better to use plain white bulbs and plenty bright!

The lights at the side of the dressing table should be about on a level with the nose, and should also have a light above the head.

One Convenient Place

It helps us immensely to have all of the necessities of good grooming and beauty care in one convenient spot. It is so easy to procrastinate if we have to look for the brush and hunt up the cleansing cream.

The most limited and meagre set of tools should include manicuring items, cleansing and lubricating cream, eye cream, a long-bristled hairbrush, lotion, an eye-lash and eyebrow brush, a deodorant, a depilatory and tweezers. Besides these, a woman should have a light pad on which to take her exercises and a board or cot (with end raised) so that she can rest for a period or so of time each day in the beauty angle position.

Make it easy to care for yourself! Don't put the obstacles of heedlessness and lost time in your way. These simple, daily routines will keep you young long after the loudest laughter of scoffers has died away.

None of these F.A.A. lads had any decorations then. I hope they have got them since.

To-day the job is done by high-powered, high-speed, well-armed bombers. Nobody admires our bomber crews and coastal reconnaissance people and our fighter pilots more than I do. But those couples in the Swordfishes deserve to be recorded in history, for they made so much history themselves.

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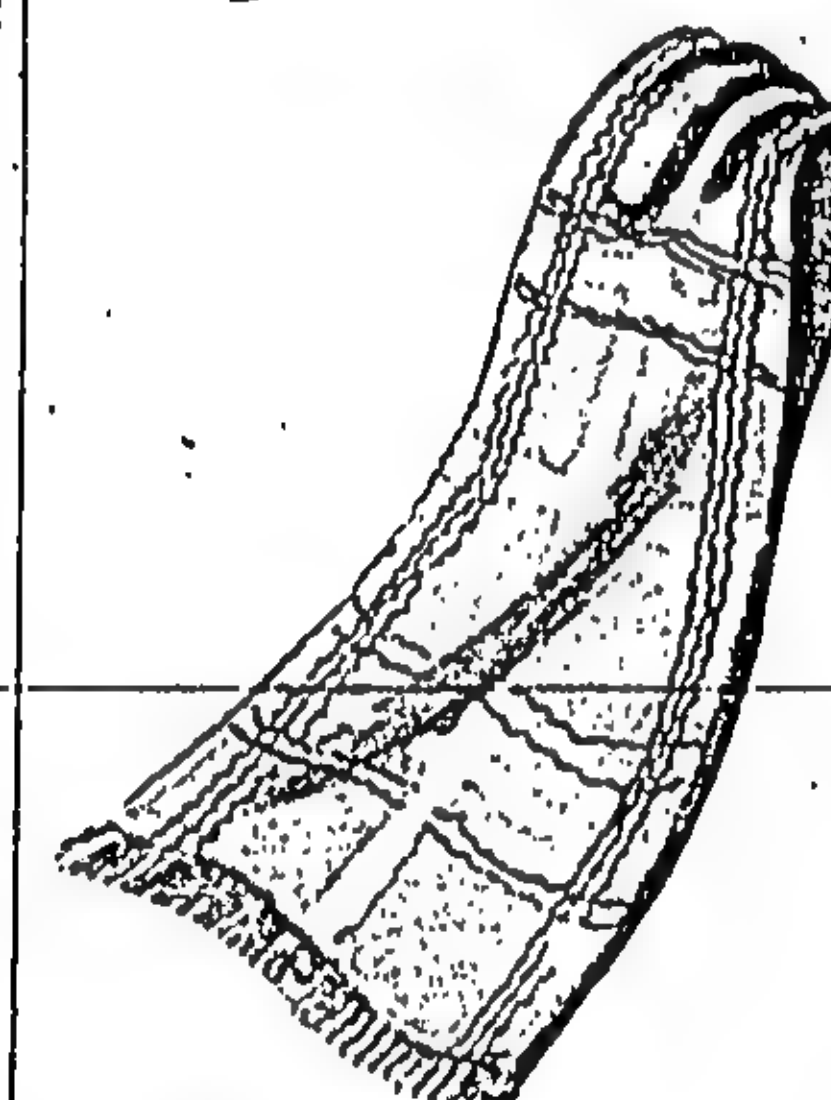
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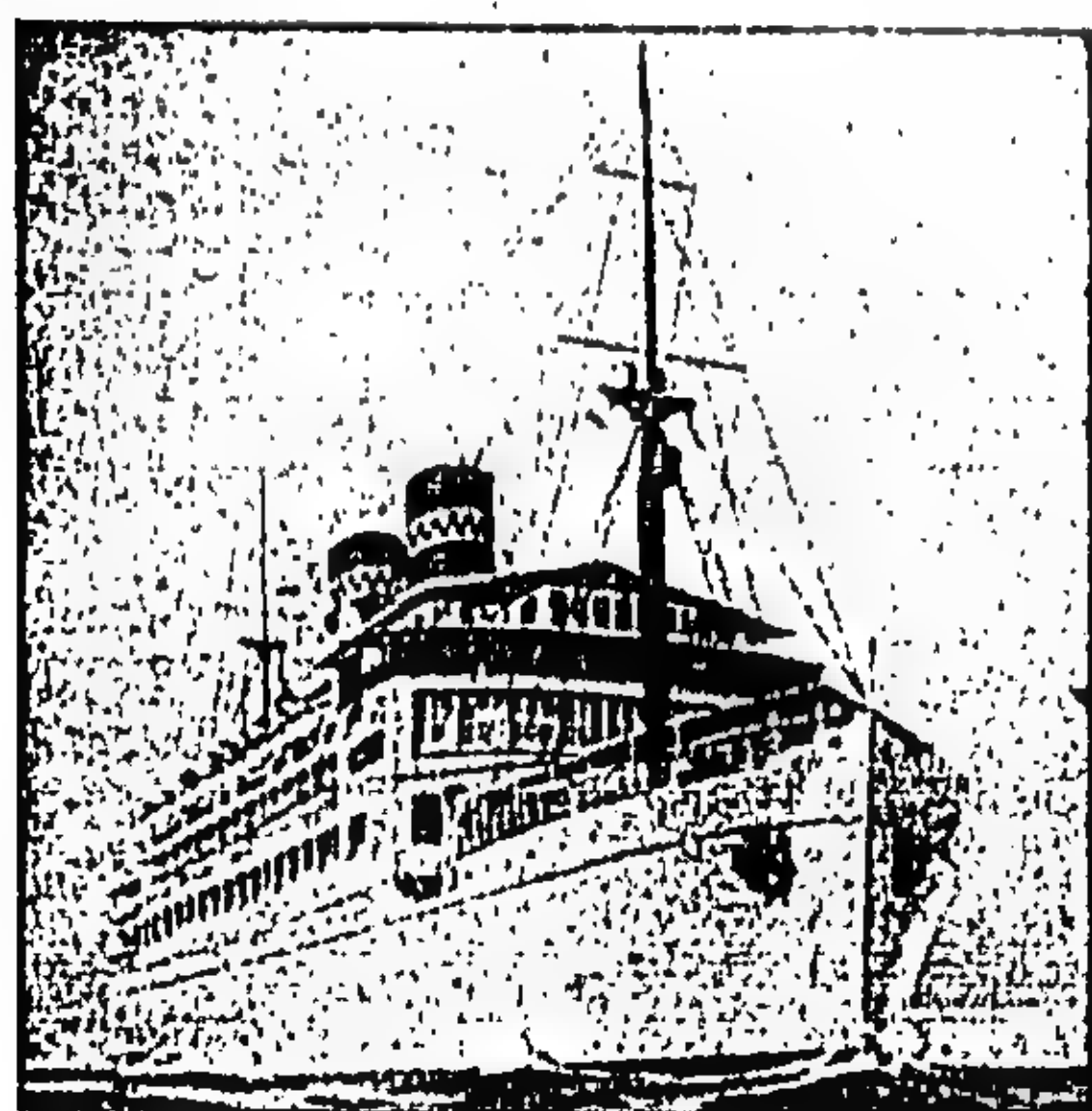
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U.S. "WAR" BUDGET

PRESIDENT Roosevelt yesterday produced what is virtually a war budget. "The budget I transmit is a reflection of a world-at-war," declared the President, adding "it is safe only to prepare for total defence." This is America's answer to the challenge of the Totalitarians.

Between June 1941 and June 1942 the United States expects to spend over \$10,000,000,000 on national defence. Over and above that, unspecified expenditures are to be made on behalf of the Allied cause. "The matter of providing munitions for the Democracies defending themselves against attack must be considered immediately," stated President Roosevelt in his budget message, thereby reaffirming his pledge made earlier this week to give Britain aid to the limit short of going to war.

Thus have the dictator nations—one swaggering and boastful, the other tottering and dispirited, the third cautious, suspicious and wondering what to do next—succeeded in arraying against themselves the two most powerful nations of the world. The bitter is about to be bit. The tremendous resources of the United States industry and finance are to be used to their capacity in a common fight against what the Americans now know is a common foe. When this is achieved the spectacular output of the Nazi war industry during the past eight years will be made to appear trifling.

The knowledge is sufficient to strike terror into the hearts of the Axis partners. When two nations like Britain and the U.S.A. are aroused to fight a total war, there can be only one result—the crushing of those responsible for that war. Hitler may have his plans, his subtle manoeuvres, his clever propaganda, but the two greatest defenders of the system which Hitler is trying to smash

A NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENT LOOKS INSIDE

The first exclamation I heard on German soil during a recent visit revealed something of the fantastic unreality which marks the German outlook. It was at the frontier station. A man, arrived by train with his wife, caught sight of a keg of butter on the platform and burst out, "Look, Grethe! What a pity I haven't my camera. There is a whole keg of butter, and abroad they say we have none."

It may be there is a good deal of butter in Germany; there are a number of countries from which it can be squeezed; but such an argument from an observer, obviously serious, who see a keg of butter in a country of 80,000,000 people and thinks it significant, can be offered only by a German subjected for seven years from early morning till late at night to the dulling effects of Nazi propaganda.

In spite of the keg of butter there is certainly a great scarcity of general commodities in Germany. Butter rations are 125 grammes [about 1/4 lb.] a week, to which may be added 30 grammes [1 oz.] of cooking fats. The meat ration is 500 grammes [about 1 lb.] a week, including sausage. Poultry and bird-flesh in general is not on cards, but it is practically unobtainable in the towns. During the fairs in Leipzig and Vienna, to which foreigners had been invited, chicken could be found at the restaurants here and there, and the meatless days were also suspended, though reintroduced immediately after.

Milk is almost impossible to obtain; adults are allowed only skimmed milk and in very small quantities; cream has not been seen for a year, also neither coffee nor tea, indefinite period elapses before the appeal is granted, and during the interval the petitioner must be prepared Bavaria ever since the "at" for a visit by the house inspector to verify the state of his wardrobe. If the visit shows him or her to have several suits, dresses, sets of sunken popularity had partake more than a good Nazi should have, some of it may be taken away and no compensation given. As nobody knows what the limit is, most of the citizens go as long as possible before taking the risk of asking for new shoes; and this is popularly believed to be the real object of the Nazi shoe and wardrobe inspection system.

Luxuries are not formally banned, however. Furs and thousand years and a thousand are still offered for sale and years as a day. If one without cards, but they are meets criticism at all, it does very dear. Quite a number not concern Hitler personally of elegant silver foxes may all. That he may be seen here and there in the streets.

The message behind President Roosevelt's budget is an assurance never to permit the aggressor nations to obtain that domination of the world which they seek. The challenge to Hitler and his partners is unmistakable, and provides for them an ominous opening to the year, 1941.

the grain harvest being small on account of the rainy summer.

Food that is put on show consists largely of coffee-surrogates, soup extracts, dried roots for soup making, and substitutes for whipped cream. With the exception of cellular-wool and milk fabrics from Holland there are few novelties.

"How can you expect more of us? We are a country at war," is the excuse offered by tradesmen.

A widely advertised new stocking is said to be impregnated to resist rain and the attacks of gnats or mosquitoes. "They should also be impregnated against ladders," whispered an Austrian woman maliciously. The special meaning of her remark lay in the fact that of the Third Reich, but the the German ration of stock-living requirements of the

ings is only three pairs a year.

It is possible still to keep above the hunger line, though only few demands can really be satisfied, but to manage on what the cleverest artistry or resource to hoards laid up in advance. For the war year just past the clothing cards had 100 "points." Of these a dress knocked off 40 at one stroke, a man's suit 60, an overcoat 80, a pair of stockings six to eight, and 20 metres of darning wool cancelled out position, you may be sure one point. The card must also serve for footwear and the soles of old shoes, for bed sheets, and towels; so it yet is easy to imagine what a man reaches before the Reich proper.

The purchase of shoes is many," said a Sudeten Ger-

subject also to another man guest of the fair one "formality." The petitioner must make a petition in writing to the local authorities and testify that he has no more than one pair. An

Another visitor to the fair declared that discontent was the very deep and general in Bavaria ever since the "at" for a visit by the house inspector to verify the state of his wardrobe. If the visit shows him or her to have several suits, dresses, sets of sunken popularity had partake more than a good Nazi should have, some of it may be taken away and no compensation given. As nobody knows what the limit is, most of the citizens go as long as possible before taking the risk of asking for new shoes; and this is popularly believed to be the real object of the Nazi shoe and wardrobe inspection system.

But such tones are not frequent. People console themselves mostly by the reflexion that the war is a matter for Hitler, that he knows best, that in a fortnight it will all be over. Apparently they do not realise how long they have been talking about this fortnight. To the well-trained masses a single day may appear as a banned, however. Furs and thousand years and a thousand are still offered for sale and years as a day. If one without cards, but they are meets criticism at all, it does very dear. Quite a number not concern Hitler personally of elegant silver foxes may all. That he may be seen here and there in the streets.

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apparently strike the average German at all.

Direct enthusiasm for the war can be observed but seldom. Little is known of what is happening in the war. As a rule soldiers do not come home on leave; their relatives seldom get to know whether they are alive or dead, and it is forbidden to wear mourning for a fallen soldier. Material cares appear to engage the thoughts of people more than what the Führer and his associates have on hand. When watching news reels at the cinema and the desolation of enemy lands, with the "manly" German airmen smiling sadistically as they point to their work, the people remain quite passive, no clapping, no ovations, nothing of the chauvinistic passion one might have expected from the propaganda orgies of the Press. It is as if they are oppressed bomb-raiding and cannot easily forget them.

Yet, although real enthusiasm is absent, it would be wrong to conclude there is any spirit of capitulation or defeatism. The German has, either by nature or upbringing, a perverse tendency to submit to and "enjoy" privation, to obey without reflexion. Obedience gives him a good conscience, whether he is serving a useful purpose or not.

These leanings have been cultivated by the Nazi regime, which has at the same time exploited his proneness to a sort of philosophical idealism. The State is for the German something of intrinsic value, almost a mystical personality. It is the god Moloch, entitled to require everything from his citizens without the obligation to give anything in return.

In this respect the Austrian and the Czech are different and are before, for one thing, less easily influenced by Nazi propaganda.

But just on account of the German's peculiar mentality—which an outsider can never fully comprehend however much he may try—it is impossible to predict how he will react to the coming war winter. There must be a limit somewhere, beyond which he can not be herded, but where is the limit?

Question Of Eire Bases Considered

STRONG pressure is to be put on the Government by members of all political parties to secure an agreement with the Eireann Government for the use of naval bases in Eire.

Mr Churchill's reference to the loss of the bases as a burden which Britain should not have been called on to shoulder led at once to many conferences behind the scenes.

There is no doubt the Government would have the fullest support from M.P.s for any action considered necessary to regain the bases from which anti-U-boat action can be organised.

Bargaining
But the difficulties are fully recognised. No politician takes seriously a suggestion that the bases should be taken back, and that force should be used if necessary.

But it is thought that some arrangement for their temporary leasing, or for their sale to Britain, with political advantages to Eire in return, may be the way out.

Italian Air Force In North Africa Is Smashed Up

("Reuter's" Air Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Italy's empire air force has suffered as damaging a blow as Italy's land army, partly because it has been brilliantly out-manoeuvred by the R.A.F. and partly because of the brilliant staff work of the British navy, army, and air force.

Undoubtedly the Italian air force is being reinforced and re-fitted across the Mediterranean at the cost of big hazards but the history of its participation in the desert air war is one of growing failure.

One month after the British blitz opened the "Rigla Aeromautica" in Libya lost probably fifty per cent. of its original total of front line planes in combat with the R.A.F.; lost several advance bases and is now suffering severe shortage in supplies, particularly petrol, thanks to the British navy.

Losses Compared
Some 250 Italian aircraft, about half of the original Italian strength in Libya, were certainly destroyed between December 7 and January 7 for the loss of less than 20 British planes. It is considered highly probable that 123 were battered on the ground during R.A.F. raids and the capture of 40 of these in unescapable condition at Elmden suggests that as the British capture new airfields it may be found that Italian air losses have been much heavier than is yet known.

Vulnerable Aerodromes

Desert aerodromes are particularly vulnerable as it is almost impossible to hide aircraft by dispersal. The strain on Graziani's air arm is shown by the fact that Italian air activity dropped steadily after the British capture of Sollum, rallying only for two days on January 4 and 5 in a frantic, fruitless effort to save Bardia. No Italian air operations had been reported from the Dodecanese Islands since the outbreak of the Greek war, the Italian air force there having been virtually "stranded" and starved out of existence by the combined R.A.F. activities and naval blockade.

East Africa Plight

The plight of Italian squadrons in East Africa is nearly as bad and it is noticeable that their operations had been severely restricted for some weeks. It is considered that these squadrons numbering at the most 150 aircraft, are in such straits for lack of supplies and maintenance that operations are impossible. Meanwhile the R.A.F. in the Middle East is growing steadily stronger. An R.A.F. spokesman in Cairo has just said that reinforcements are pouring in "more rapidly than two months ago."

DISCUSS AID FOR BRITAIN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Representative Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, conferred with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, to-day. It is understood that he discussed draft legislation which would enable the Government to extend aid to Britain.

Some authorities forecast that this will require an ultimate expenditure of between three and four billion dollars, besides the huge domestic budget.

Little Time To Be Lost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Progress is being made rapidly in the House of Representatives, when asked about his conference to-day with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Treasurer, about aid for Britain.

Rayburn stated that legislation might be considered by the House and Senate simultaneously. He said, "There is going to be as little time lost as possible."

Other sources disclose that an arms programme of \$10,000,000,000 for aid to Britain was being studied.

Portuguese President Receives New Envoy

—British Alliance

LISBON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Renewed assurances of the friendship uniting Britain and Portugal were expressed to-day when Sir Ronald Campbell, the new British Ambassador to Portugal, presented his credentials to President Carmona.

Sir Ronald Campbell referred to "two countries which by tradition, independent spirit, and the extent and strength of their colonial empires have many characteristics and interests in common."

President Carmona expressed the wish that friendship between the two countries might become even more fruitful and conveyed to the King sincere wishes for his personal happiness and the prosperity of his empire. Campbell said that Britain would continue to follow with sympathy the destiny of the Portuguese people. This sympathy would be greater in that events which had been rending Europe for the past eighteen months had in no way disturbed the friendship sealed with the time-honoured alliance binding the two countries and to which His Majesty remained wholly faithful.

President's Reply
President Carmona expressed appreciation that the Ambassador had recalled the traditional friendship and

BRITAIN'S ROUTINE RAIDS

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—R.A.F. fighters shot down an enemy bomber off the Sussex coast at Angmering to-day.

The bomber was one of a few which singly attempted daylight raids in widely scattered areas of England. Bombs were dropped on a town in the Midlands and on a town in East Anglia but the number of casualties was small and the damage slight.

Greeks Will Not Yield

Minister's Assurance

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—"Whatever the circumstances the Greeks will not yield," declared the Press Minister, M. Nicoloudis, replying to New Year wishes from foreign correspondents.

He said, "Our great leader and premier, General Metaxas, by his historic refusal on the night of October 28 to submit to Italian violence brought back a tired world to its realisation of duty, of dying for honour and liberty."

"The struggle continues and will be long and hard. We do not know what complications, what forces, what trials we shall have to face, but you can tell your countries and the world that the Greeks will not be afraid. They will not yield; they will fight on to the end and will conquer."

Tribute To Metaxas

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The creation of a third period of Greek civilisation as a result of the victory conclusion of the present war was predicted to-day by General Metaxas.

The occasion was the presentation to him of a bronze copy of the statue of Pallas Athene by Macheo dating from the sixth century. Dismissing credit for creating Greece's moral strength, General Metaxas said that this strength had been dormant and was now re-awakened and given a forward impulse.

"The miracle that has been accomplished is the work of the Greek people. It is in this that its significance lies," concluded the Premier.

Signposts Banned In Eire

DUBLIN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A ban against the display of signposts comes into force in Eire on February 1. This is in effect an emergency Government order which makes it an offence to display anywhere outside the urban areas, a sign which furnishes an indication to the name, situation, direction or distance to any place.

The order also prohibits the display within the urban areas of signs indicating the direction or distance to any place.

A sign is deemed "displayed" if it can be seen from the highway, train or lowflying aircraft.

FOOD TO HUNGRY SPAIN

American Red Cross

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Conditions upon which the American Red Cross would send a cargo of wheat or flour to Spain to meet immediate civilian requirements have been communicated to the Spanish Government, states Mr. Norman Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross.

If such a cargo were sent, it would presumably be a separate shipload and additional to the cargoes already announced as being sent to Europe.

The conditions are not specified in the announcement made here, but it is believed that the American Red Cross is requiring assurances that it will be given complete freedom in handling supplies.

Australians Visit Greek Harbour

IMPRESSIONS OF DEMOCRACY

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Grigor Iliadis in the Greek paper "Ethnos" describes a visit of an Australian warship.

"In one of our harbours lies an Australian man-o-war manned entirely by Australians. From the commanding officer to the cabin boy everyone is a native of far off Australia."

"These fair-haired giants brought us a glow from another world ten thousand miles away from the far Antipodes. But most important is that they all bring at the same time the stout and sturdy heart throb of the British Empire."

"All are volunteers; volunteers too are all those hundreds of thousands of their compatriots now in Libya, Palestine and the home country. No one compelled them, no one could compel them to come—just as in 1914 too, when both Australia and Canada telegraphed London and begged as a favour that their young men should take part in the war."

Why Do They Care

Why should they care about the homeland, why do they give money and blood since her foe does not threaten them 'down under'?

"It is not only a sentimental reason of common bond, language and blood that united us answers the Second-in-Command of the ship. 'Do you know what wealth means?' I have heard it said that England exploits us, sucks us dry. Well I need only tell you that the incomes per head of the inhabitants of Australia, New Zealand and Canada are greater than those of the 'mother country'."

The inhabitants of these countries are richer than the average Englishman. They are the richest peoples in the world—richer even than Americans.

The efficiency of the Empire is not confined only to the economic sphere. It stretches out into social and political institutions. We in Australia, New Zealand and Canada have pushed socialism even further than did the Scandinavian countries. This is due to the economic development and protection given us by the mother country and the strong and sure foundation of the Empire."

Armoured Australians

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wire- less).—The establishment of an Australian Armoured Corps at a cost of several million pounds is announced in agency messages from Melbourne.

Provision is eventually contemplated for one armoured division of A.I.F. comprising two armoured brigades and ancillary troops. Production of tanks will be undertaken in the Australian scheme being carried out under the direct control of the Chief of the Australian General Staff.

It is understood that officers of the Royal Armoured Corps who have been associated with mechanised units in France will assist in training the new units.

Czech Passive Resistance

Wave Sweeps Country

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Dr. Benes, the Czech leader, said in London to-day that his country had maintained a united front against Germany. In the factories the wheels are going slower and slower and a vast wave of passive resistance is being organised all over the country.

They had heard about Germany's war of nerves. Czechoslovakia had a war of nerves going on as well and among Germans there was a feeling of anxiety about the future, lack of confidence in their leaders and dissatisfaction with the whole regime.

Nazi Press Pillories Roosevelt

Furious Outburst Over Congress Message

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Jan. 8 (UP).—The entire German press this afternoon in an outburst of inspired editorials angrily described President Roosevelt's message of Congress as "provocative, aggressive and war mongering," declaring that no United States assistance would save Britain from her fate.

The "Deutsche Algemeine Zeitung" said: "The speech is crammed with provocations, throwing suspicion on the Axis Powers, Japan and the Soviet Union."

The "Boersen Zeitung" claims that the statement regarding the European order as being worse than Versailles is "tendencious, untrue and propagandistic."

Italian Communiqué
The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" in the first comment regarding President Roosevelt's message to Congress, describes the speech as a "pile of historical falsifications, irresponsible invectives and unqualified spitefulness," and simultaneously lifted rabulically from warmonger No. 1 and war profiteer No. 1, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Rome Makes Promise
LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Axis is indifferent to the New World, according to a statement broadcast by Rome radio on President Roosevelt's speech to Congress.

The radio announcer added, "Roosevelt repeats the absurd opinion that the victory of the Axis would constitute a menace to America although anybody with a knowledge of European affairs knows perfectly well that the first principle of the Axis policy is always the Monroe Doctrine, namely, complete disinterestedness in the New World."

"We are prepared to go further. By the New World we mean not only the North and South American continents but also Australia, New Zealand and all the islands of the Pacific."

"What we resent," the announcer said later, "is that the American President should impose his system on us and if any attempt is made to do so then it will mean war, but it will not be we who are the aggressors. It will be America."

STOCK EXCHANGE Satisfactory War News

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, business was mainly of a specialised character.

Speculative buying and the satisfactory progress of the war in the Middle East is responsible for the rise in oil share prices.

A broadening demand, especially from the provinces, has caused a sharp advance in home falls.

Kaffirs, notably non-producers, advanced on Capetown.

Elsewhere conditions were quiet though industrials showed some firm spots.

Wall Street was quietly steady.

Yunnan-Burma Railway

RANGOON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The construction of the western section of the Yunnan-Burma Railway will be accelerated shortly, according to information from Chungking received by local Chinese.

It is stated that a plan has been drawn up by the Ministry of Communications in Chungking and is under the consideration of the Executive Yuan.

Uncle Sam's People Face Heavier Taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Stiff increases in income tax and excess profits tax are predicted by officials as the immediate result of President Roosevelt's budget proposals.

Tax revenues under the present budget programmes will reach the highest point in American history, but nevertheless President Roosevelt recommended additional taxation. Ways and means, however, were left to Congress.

Tax experts consider income tax the most logical means of raising additional revenue.

An increase of 500 in the number of "G-men" (Federal Bureau of Investigation) to counter espionage and sabotage, is recommended in the budget. The strength of this body alone equals the peak of the last war at 1,500.

Wall Street Unmoved
NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The publication of Mr. Roosevelt's record budget aroused no marked reaction on Wall Street and the market took the news of the huge prospective expenditure with relative calm. Observers expressed some confusion over the budget's double implications of still higher corporation

BLOCKADE RELAXED

British Gesture To Hungry France

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—At President Roosevelt's personal request, a special shipload of foodstuffs and clothing is to pass through the blockade from the United States to Unoccupied France for distribution under the direct control of the American Red Cross.

The President's request, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare, was addressed to the British Government during the past few days. The goods consist of Vitamin A concentrates and clothing.

Blockade To Continue
It is stressed in authoritative quarters that this concession, which is being made solely for the relief of children in Unoccupied France, in no way alters the British policy of blockading France as a whole.

The fact that the administration of the relief goods is being undertaken by the American Red Cross is considered sufficient guarantee that they will in fact reach the children for whom they are intended. The goods are being shipped in the same vessel as the cargo of wheat consigned to Spain by the United States. When unloaded at a Spanish port, the vessel will proceed to a port in Unoccupied France.

Another Consignment
In addition to this shipload, it is understood that a small consignment of Vitamin A concentrates which had been detained in Bermuda, will be able to proceed. It is being taken to Unoccupied France by the well-known dress designer, Madame Schiaparelli, who is returning from the United States to Paris.

It was stated to-day that if the present shipment safely reaches its proper destination, further quantities of relief food for children in Unoccupied France will be allowed through the blockade from time to time.

President Roosevelt, it was added, was well aware of the distinction in such cases between Occupied and Unoccupied France.

Submarines In Night Fight

U-Boat Gets Away

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A spirited engagement between the British submarine Tuna and a U-boat on the surface in enemy waters by night, is reported in an Admiralty communiqué.

The U-boat made off at high speed after firing her gun immediately on encountering the Tuna, was certainly hit on the conning tower by one shell but unfortunately this cannot be considered vital damage.

For nearly an hour the Tuna chased the enemy and only broke off the engagement and dived on sighting escort vessels which came to the rescue of the damaged U-boat.

The Tuna had previously sunk an enemy armed tug by gunfire and in neither engagement did the Tuna sustain any damage or casualties.

New Raid On El Bassan

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A successful raid on military stores and buildings in El Bassan was made yesterday by R.A.F. bombers, says an R.A.F. communiqué issued from headquarters in Greece.

Snow, sleet and rain were falling in the target area, making observation difficult, but high explosive and incendiary bombs were seen to hit several buildings and a number of fires were started.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

Tackling From An Opponent's Left Common Fault That May Cause Accidents AN AGE-OLD PRACTICE

AMONG THE PLAYING FAULTS on the hockey field, one of the most common, and, perhaps, the cause of many an accident is that of wrongly tackling from an opponent's left.

While most definitely barred by the Rules of the game, the action is frequently seen even in first-class hockey, and the practice of fouling an opponent is an old one.

It is one thing to make it illegal in Rules, but it is another for an umpire to be strict in its enforcement and interpretation. It is dealt with in Rule 10 (g) which says:

"...nor attack from an opponent's left unless he touches the ball before he touches the stick or person of his opponent."

Not every player can be adjudged of being guilty of deliberate fouling. Much of it is due

(a) to a quick tackle whereby he unwittingly touches the person or stick of his opponent before touching the ball.

(b) to clumsiness or ignorance in taking a tackle, or

(c) to making a forlorn and last minute effort to get at the ball.

In doing this, the player either touches the stick of his opponent or, most likely, charges or bumps into him.

Prevalent Practice

IN my opinion, nothing that the International Board can do to re-draft clause (g) of Rule 10 will ever preclude the common practice of so much definite fouling when tackling on an opponent's left. It is prevalent in Interport and first-class matches.

In spite of good, bad or indifferent umpiring, much of this fouling is a weekly occurrence in the league games each week-end.

Slack Umpiring

SOME umpires, of course, who are hawk-eyed, penalize such an infringement instantly, but there are others who seem slow to detect it and allow "body" play to continue without any check.

But when there are no particular instances of this fouling, it may not always be due to a lack of knowledge of an ordinary umpire or that he fails to detect the offence. Very often the most competent of umpires is badly unsighted or positioned when the offence takes place and fails to see the infringement.

Nevertheless there must be a great number of players, no matter what match category they play, who are habitual offenders, and even when pulled up by the umpire fail to make clean tackling a special feature when going for the ball on the left side.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS

Macao Anxious To Entertain Visitors

I HAVE RECEIVED a letter from the Secretary of the Macao Hockey Club, and he informs me that Macao is anxiously waiting for week-end visits from Hongkong teams.

They are also keen that the Interport match be played this year, as it is our turn to visit Macao.

The matter is to be discussed at a Council meeting of the H.K.H.A. which will be held next Thursday.

THE Umpires Association, I am glad to see, is taking a keener interest in its work. Umpires are now supplied with cards where results of matches are to be recorded, and later posted to the Secretary. Officiating officials are also required to sign the cards.

Capt. Martin, the President, who takes an active part in umpiring himself, will, I am sure, see that no stone is left unturned as far as the welfare of umpiring and the umpires is concerned.

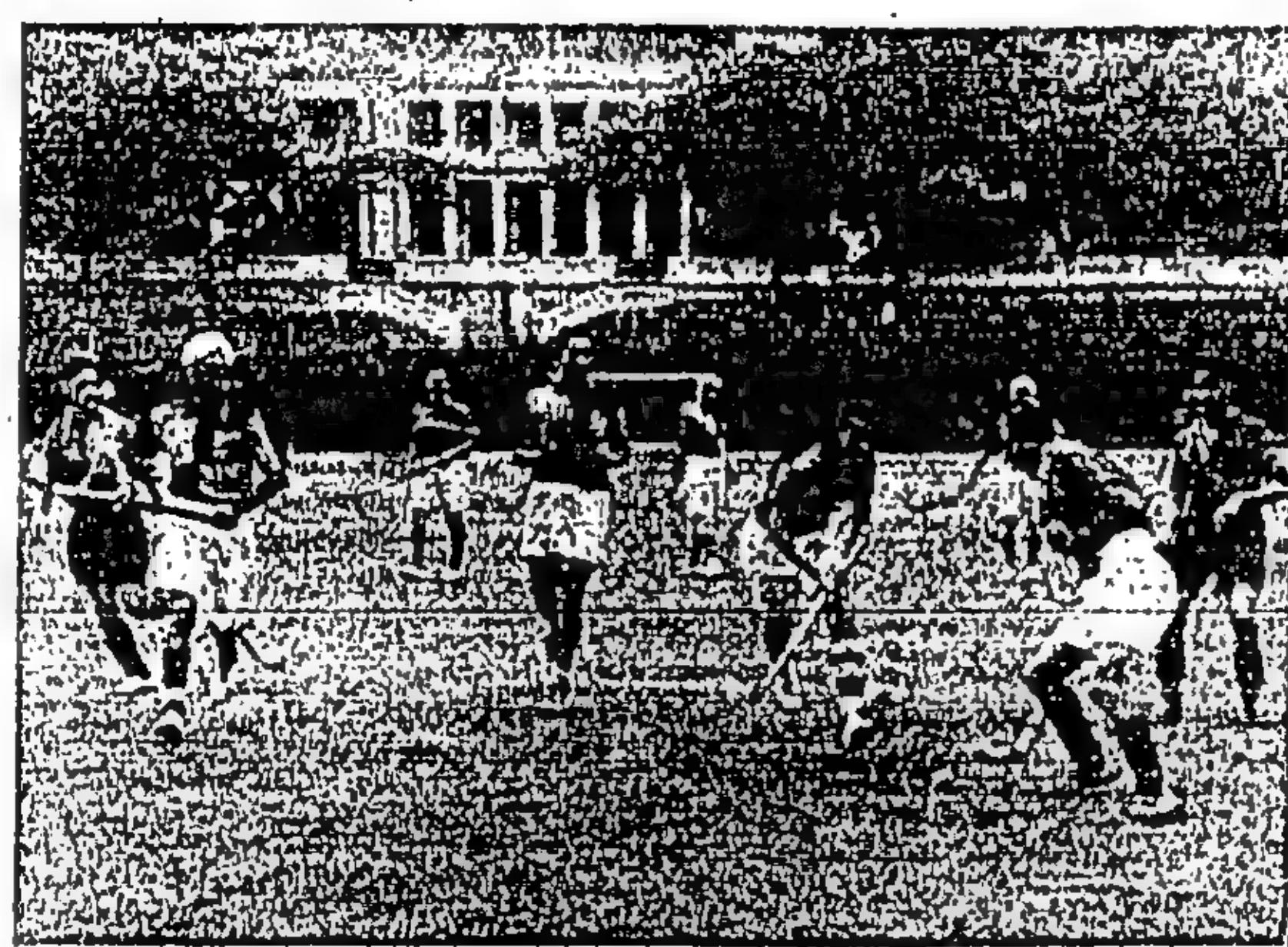
R. MARQUES, the popular Recreio right-half who has been out of the game since the season commenced, participated in his first match last Sunday when his Club defeated the 5th A.A. Bats. "B". He seems to have fully recovered from his arm injury and gave a good account of himself.

ROYAL Engineers, who suffered their second defeat in the League at the hands of Khalsa last Sunday, were again without the services of two of the better players—Shaw (inside-left) and Taylor (right back)—who were reserving themselves for a football match.

The Sappers have just returned from camp and have not fully recovered from the effects or after-effects of the New Year!

THE Triangular Tournament games between the Navy, Army and Hongkong H.C. are due to commence next month. The civilians will find the Army a very difficult hurdle to overcome this year.

The games should prove most interesting.



The Khalsa-Royal Engineers Tournament League match in progress at Sookunpoo last Sunday.—Ming Yuen.

ASSN. TOURNAMENT

Skill

Triumphs

Over Vigour

Khalsa 3 R.E. 1

Khalsa's Skill overcame the Royal Engineers' vigour in a fast and interesting league encounter at Sookunpoo last Sunday morning.

Taking the field with ten men, Khalsa were on the defensive for practically 20 minutes, and just after the arrival of A.P. Souza, the late comer, Sappers drew first blood through Holmberg off a centre from Singleton.

Some furious exchanges followed, and the visitors got on even terms when Karminder Singh sent in a beauty from the right wing and Awlwar Singh batted it in for a goal. The Indians were now on the offensive, but could not take the lead before the interval arrived at Croston; Sappers' right back, was playing a grand game, and time and again prevented them from scoring.

Khalsa On Top

Khalsa started the second half well, and after ten minutes of constant pressure Gurbachan Singh beat Dobson with a low drive from just within the circle.

This goal galvanised Khalsa into new life. Their attack, not often impressive in the first half, found power and skill. The forwards were fed persistently and responded in magnificent style.

A. P. Souza put the result beyond doubt when he scored the third goal after some tricky dribbling.

M. H. Hassan, as pivot, was in fine fettle and received good support from his wing halves. Awlwar Singh as a leader worked out many good moves, and Gurbachan Singh, though he hung on to the ball too long at times, was always a live wire.

The wing men did their part and kept the home defence busy.

Sappers' defence gave way in the closing stages with Whitaker and Goodwin experiencing a bad day indeed. Denyer and Holmberg were always on the alert but lacked the much needed support of their halves.

Excellent Game In Large Units Tourney

M'sex 3 Rajputs 3

ONE OF THE BEST games seen in the Large Units Tournament was played at Shumshuipo last Sunday afternoon when in a fast and strenuously contested encounter six goals were shared by the Middlesex and Rajputana Regiments.

Highlights of the match were the three splendid goals scored by Bright, the Mids' centre-forward, and the equalising goals in succession by Capt. S. W. Wood, Rajputs' centre-half, of short corner hits.

Out of a total of four short corners, Wood converted three—a brilliant achievement.

The Mids., who were always on the offensive in the first half, took the lead after 15 minutes' play when Bright got his stick to a first time off a good centre from Moggridge.

The Rajputs took some time to settle down, and before they could hit back, the interval arrived.

Indians Retaliate

In the second half the Indians settled down to better hockey with Innarat All shining, particularly in the way he switched the ball out to Lt. Coal on the right wing. The latter made good use of his speed.

Forcing their first short corner within ten minutes, Capt. Wood equalised from the hit. Mids again forced the pace and Bright scored two brilliant goals to complete his hat-trick.

But Rajputs equalised through Capt. Wood from two further short corners.

In the closing stages, the visitors tightened up and by quick tackling allowed the Mids' forwards no scope. The home wings were completely bottled up by the wing halves, and Capt. Wood must be congratulated on a fine afternoon's work.

The Mids' halves, Ure, Crowley and Waldron, were splendid workers, with Slickley outstanding at right back. A draw was a fair reflection of the game.

WEEK-END CRICKET

Teams Selected For League Matches

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their league cricket matches on Saturday:

First Eleven (versus Craigengower, away): E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Fincher, F. R. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge. Umpire, J. P. Robinson; scorer, R. Leigh.

Second Eleven (versus Hongkong University at home): S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, H. Brokenshire, P. Goodwin, Major W. W. Pursons, R. J. Fenton, and J. R. Little. 12th man, G. W. Giffen.

K.C.C. v. Volunteers

A Volunteers eleven will meet a K.C.C. team in an all-day friendly match at the K.C.C. on Sunday, starting at 11.30. The following teams have been chosen.

Volunteers: L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, D. G. Day, W. S. Gegg, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, T. Lock, T. A. Madar, A. E. Perry and E. Zimmermann. Scorer, C. E. Gahagan.

K.C.C.—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. R. Zimmermann, N. A. E. Mackay, W. L. Rapley, S. A. Gray, and E. Curtis.

Indian Teams

The following are the Indian R. C. teams for Saturday's Cricket League matches:

1st XI, v. University (away)—K. Nazarin (Capt.), M. el Arculli, A. R. Minu, K. M. Ramjahn, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, S. A. Jamali, A. R. Kinsell, A. R. H. Esmail, A. H. Ramjahn and A. N. Other.

2nd XI, v. Craigengower C.C. (home)—E. H. Abbas (Capt.), A. H. Jamali, H. Banna, M. A. Barack, A. R. Saffin, F. A. Currie, T. Ali, A. el Arculli, Jr., A. M. Ramjahn, J. M. A. Ramjahn and M. H. Hassan.

Recreio Teams

The following will represent Club de Recreio in League and friendly Cricket fixtures on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st XI, v. Army (friendly, at home)—E. L. Gosano, W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodrigues, H. L. Oziel, L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, A. P. Pereira, M. M. Mendonca, and A. M. Prata.

2nd XI, v. Police (League, away)—E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), F. M. da Silva, Jr., H. A. Barros, A. J. M. Prata, A. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho, J. A. Soares, Remedios, B. V. Goncalves, D. Almeida, Remedios and A. H. D'Almada Remedios.

Bowls Rinks For Saturday's Game

The following have been provisionally selected to play for the Northumberland and Durham Association in the intra-association Bowls match to be held on Saturday, at the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club:

W. Greig, S. Hodges, N. L. Smith, J. Wood, J. Fraser, N. Hardie, Dean Wilson, J. Radford, T. W. Carr, M. E. Purvis, E. L. Stirling, E. Carmichael, J. Macdonald, E. Pearce, D. Kowick, J. S. R. Hume, G. Galloway, J. Hume, A. D. Spoor, T. Walter, T. Coleman, Houston, W. G. Coates, G. Anderson, W. Hudson, W. McAlister, A. Tate, J. McPherson, G. Henderson, W. Morrison, G. Bertram, W. Reive.

Arrangements have been made to include all members who attend and desire to play. The match will commence at 2.30 p.m.

A supper and concert will follow commencing at 8 p.m.

Lai Wah Cup And Junior Shield Football Draws

The draw for the first round proper of the Junior Shield and the Lai Wah Cup competitions was held at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Council yesterday, and resulted as follows:

Junior Shield—Royal Scots or Chinese Amateur Sports Club v. South China; R.E. or Kowloon v. 36th I.R.A. or Club; R.A.M.C. v. Police; Eastern v. Navy; Sing Tao "B" v. Kit Chee or Sing Tao "A"; 30th R.A. or R.A.O.C. v. Signals; Middlesex or R.A.S.C. v. 12th Cavalry or 24th I.R.A.; Kwong Wah v. International.

Lai Wah Cup—Army v. China; Civilians v. Navy.

The Chairman, Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, said that as a result of the cancellation of the Interport series with Shanghai, it had been decided to play the Lai Wah Cup matches on the dates reserved. Accordingly, the Civilians v. Navy match would be played on the Kowloon F.C. ground on January 20, and the Army v. China game on the following day at Causeway Bay.

Popular prices would be charged for both games.

Mr. Wong also said that the Secretary of the Shanghai Football Association had sent a letter, explaining why a team could not be sent. The reasons given were: (1) the present uncertain political situation; (2) the impossibility of guaranteeing transportation facilities within a fixed time limit for the return of the players; and the difficulty of obtaining permission to land in Hongkong; and (3) the difficulty of players in obtaining leave. The letter expressed the hope that a team would be able to come to Hongkong next year.

It was stated that the match on January 1 in aid of the S. C. M. Post Bomber Fund and the British War Organisation Fund realised about \$2,000.

Australian Tour

An application by both Eastern A.A. and South China A.A. to make a combined and extensive tour of Australia during the closing season was granted. Permission was also granted to the Sing Tao Sports Club to advance two of their fixtures to enable them to tour the Philippines between February 24 and March 13 tentatively.

Subject to their fulfilling their commitments to the Association by that time, the Eastern A.A. was also allowed to make a tour of the Philippines in the middle of March or the beginning of April.

Mr. Mok Hing said that he had received information to the effect that two teams from Burma would arrive in Hongkong about April 10.

The action of Mr. W. E. Hollands in not allowing Howlett, of the Police, to take part in the "War Fund" match on January 1 was endorsed by the Council. Mr. Hollands, who was manager of the Association team in that game, explained that players were told to be present by 2 p.m. but it was not until the team was already in the field that Howlett turned up. Howlett had stated that he could not turn up in time be-

cause of his duties, but he should have informed him of it beforehand, Mr. Hollands added.

Provision of Linemen

Mr. C. Gurnam said that unofficial complaints had been made to him by referees of the non-provision of linemen by junior teams for their matches. The Chairman pointed out that the referees concerned should submit their complaints to the League Management Committee so that adequate action could be taken. At any rate, the Council would see to it that junior clubs be informed of the situation.

In answer to a query by Mr. Walter Hanning Chen, the Chairman said that the Council had no objection to clubs handing over the proceeds of their league games to charity.

The Chairman pointed out that the charity match in aid of the Society for the Relief and Education of Youth in the War Area, for which permission had already been granted, had not yet been arranged. It was decided to arrange the match at the end of the season.

Mr. J. McKelvie observed that clubs contemplating travelling, should inform the Council at the beginning of the season instead of in the middle, and was told by Mr. Chen that this was rather difficult because negotiations had to be made.

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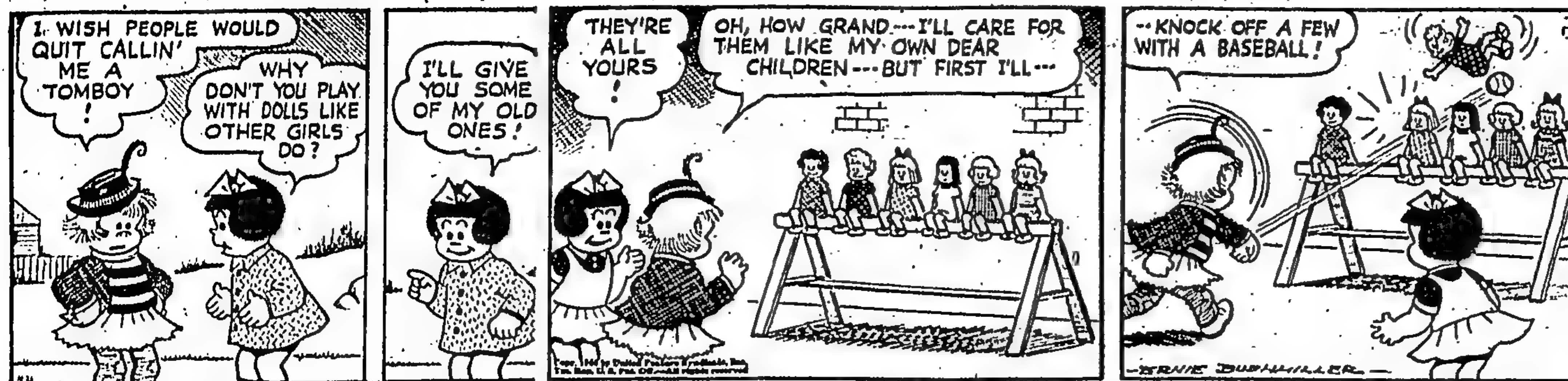
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By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHORE'S SULTAN MARRIES

The sixty-seven-year-old multi-millionaire Sultan of Johore had a happy ending to a romance in London, when he married twenty-four-year-old Marcella Mendl, slim Rumanian.

It was in contrast to his meeting and romance with Lydia Hill, London cabaret girl, whom he first met six years ago.

He wanted to marry Lydia Hill, but circumstances arose which made it impossible, so it was reported at the time.

Then Lydia was killed recently in an air raid on Canterbury. The sultan has telephoned Lydia's mother each day since.

The romance with Miss Mendl began some weeks ago when she told him a Red Cross flag.

At her wedding, she wore a magnificent sapphire engagement ring and on her frock a crescent-shaped brooch made of two tiger claws mounted in silver and with the sultan's crown and monogram set in diamonds.

The sultan wore the khaki and gold uniform of Colonel-Commandant of the Johore military forces.

After the wedding, which was at Caxton Hill, he said: "We are very happy. I do not think there is anything more I can say."

The ceremony was held in the large conference hall. Miss Mendl's mother, Captain Abdullah, aide-de-camp to the sultan, and officials were present.

"There will be no formal reception, no going-away or honeymoon," Captain Abdullah said. "The sultan's plans are uncertain. I do not know when he will leave England."

Youths Accused Of Imitating Siren

A verdict of not guilty was reached at Hawick Sheriff Court recently in a case in which two youths were alleged to have imitated with their mouths an air raid siren, and having reasonable cause to believe that such an act was likely to be mistaken for the making of an authorised signal.

How the heard a noise, "just like the siren," outside her house, was described by Mrs Frederick Chisholm, 17 Trinity Street, Hawick. She went to the door, she said, and saw other people at doors and windows. One of the accused said that he had been discussing the air raid siren with his chums, and the sound "arose out of the conversation."

NAPOLEON RELICS SAVED

Some of the most famous of France's national treasures—Napoleon's hat, sword, medals and even the key to his tomb—are now safely in the historic chateau of Malmaison after nearly being lost in the exodus from Paris.

The relics were found in cases aboard what abandoned lorries by a doctor in Etampes, who took them to his hospital, and later Senator Henry Hayes, now Britain's ambassador to the United States, provided a lorry to take the cases to Versailles where they were opened in the presence of an official committee.

HITLER'S "JERSEY LILIES"

SCORES of Hitler Youth girls, mostly dressed in white blouses and shorts, have arrived in Jersey on a "cultural mission."

The towns and villages are full of them, though how the inhabitants will react to their "culture" is not yet apparent, especially as the Islanders are allowed only two meals a day—poor meals at that.

And "culture," especially of the Nazi model—girls or no girls—needs something to swallow with it.

Most of Jersey's produce is being sent to France to replace French crops seized by Germany, and the invaders are doing nothing to alleviate the growing food shortage.

Private stocks of food and wines have been seized. So have private American cars which have been sent to Germany.

Apart from the Germans, only doctors are now allowed to motor on the island.

In-Laws Would Not Let Him In

A MAN whose wife left him on their wedding day was granted a decree nisi at Newcastle Assizes recently because of her desertion.

The case for the husband, Fred Maurice Sice, of Tamworth-road, Newcastle, was that immediately after the marriage on Feb. 27, 1935, he and his wife went to her people.

They were hostile towards him and refused to let him into the house. His wife would not live with him and he had never lived with her.

Magistrate Dazed By Drink

Mr Herbert Metcalfe, Old-street magistrate, who dies following a fall, was under the influence of drink when he fell. It was stated at a Beaconsfield, Bucks, inquest.

The coroner said Mr Metcalfe, who was fifty-two, came home under the influence of alcohol, tried to get up the stairs, but collapsed and struck his head against the door.

"Accidental death" was the verdict.



MYSTERY FIRE—Early morning fire wrecks the Municipal Auditorium and armory of the 179th Field Artillery, at Atlanta, Ga., in which \$1,000,000 worth of U.S. Army equipment was stored. Sabotage was suspected.

Nazi Domination Grows More Marked In Japan

German efficiency, as well as German political notions, may permeate Japanese Government affairs from this time on, according to confidential word just brought here by a competent foreign observer, says the Shanghai correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

Four major Japanese Government Departments are now in great degree under the influence of newly-imported German advisers, this source indicates. They are the Home Office, the War Office, the Navy and the Treasury. Rumours have also mentioned the Foreign Office but it appears that the German touch has fallen more lightly there—possibly because it was not, under existing conditions in Japan, regarded as of major importance.

Much had been heard previously of German personnel and influence in the Home Office, and it is to this element that chief responsibility for the recent arrests and convictions of leading Britons in Japan was attributed.

Now, however, it appears that the police are more than ever receiving German guidance and assistance. The result may be less a direction of persecutive efforts against Britons than tightening-up of Japanese police methods, hitherto more painstaking than efficient.

Nazi Influence in Army
The Japanese Army has long admired German military ideas and it is logical to assume that the recent Tri-Power Pact might increase Japanese Army dependence upon German guidance. In this, Japan is only following an earlier example of China—which, however, lacked the extensive resource and mechanized machinery with which German advisers could work.

The Japanese were successful in persuading Hitler to order the German advisers out of Chinese National Government employ. Now it seems that they may be availing themselves of a type of guidance which their own observation, from the other side of the lines, showed them to be sound from a military standpoint, always able or willing to take full advantage of advice given.

The German-directed preparations for the Chinese defence of Nanking in the autumn and winter of 1937 was conceded in all quarters to have been a masterful job. After Shanghai fell, however, the Chinese suffered a period of turmoil in their own internal organization and they therefore failed to take advantage of the careful German-wrought scheme.

Stand in Navy Affairs
Japan's Navy probably feels itself more independent of German advice than the Army, both because it knows that it maintains a high degree of efficiency, and because the Germans are not as well regarded on sea as on land. Nevertheless it is understood that German advisers have found their way into the Navy Department.

Finally there is the question of the Treasury. It has long been declared that many, probably most, of the monetary controls in the face of nations whose currency is based on the Japanese yen were rather blindly based on German examples. The Japanese were said to have imitated without fully understanding what they were doing.

ARSENIC WIDOWS TO DIE

TWO women, known as "Arsenic widows," are to die in the electric chair. They are members of the Philadelphia "murder for insurance" syndicate.

They are sixty-years-old Mrs Glovett and Mrs Ramualdo, aged forty-nine. Another woman, alleged to have been responsible for more than 100 deaths, was sentenced to three to twenty years' imprisonment.

Key figure in the syndicate was Herman Petillo, convicted last year after confessing to being implicated in a dozen murders.

A doctor gave evidence that Petillo tried to obtain typhoid germs from him.

The "arsenic widows" inveigled men into marriage, induced them to insure their lives heavily, and then murdered them.

The gang also faked hit-and-run accidents. If a man refused to insure his life, the "professional widows" divorced him.

BRIBES FOR BRIDES

FRENCH brides under 28 are being offered a Government bribe of £60 for a pledge that they will never take up paid employment.

It is part of the Vichy Government's back-to-the-kitchen movement for women.

One of a number of decrees just issued forbids State institutions except schools, to engage married women.

Women Civil servants over 50 who have husbands in the service are to be pensioned off at once.

All women Civil servants who have well-paid husbands and fewer than three children are to be dismissed.

Blunt Talk On Japan To Americans

Mr James R. Young, for many years a news correspondent in Tokyo who was detained in a Japanese gaol for 61 days for sending news to America which did not meet with the approval of the Japanese army, spoke bluntly about Japan to a Baltimore audience.

He declared that Japan was afraid of the United States and Soviet Russia, and was no threat to America.

Here are some of Mr Young's more pungent remarks.

Correspondents in Asia refer to Japan's publicised new order as a "new odour," because it smells of bombings, bribery, carpet-baggers and narcotics.

Japan, contrary to belief, is not united—five military factions, two dormant political parties, a fairly democratic Press with a tremendous circulation, a dissatisfied public, and businessmen fed up with keeping the war going, comprise the complex kingdom of Japan.

Japanese Police

Mr Young described the police in Japan as having a fourth grade intelligence, adding: "They grab you and want to know what you are thinking. If you don't express your thoughts, you are held for further investigation. If you do, you are held for six months or a year on general principles."

Trade relations between Japan and Germany he described as "one country crooking another," adding that Japan and Germany do not trust each other and no treaty will last between them.

Army-Navy Tilt

Mr Young emphasised the conflict between Japan's army and navy, and said Japan was having a hard time with the China campaign. He declared that "a lot of Japanese leaders in China would like to pack up their troubles in the old kit bag and head home if they could save face. China will never give in to Japan."

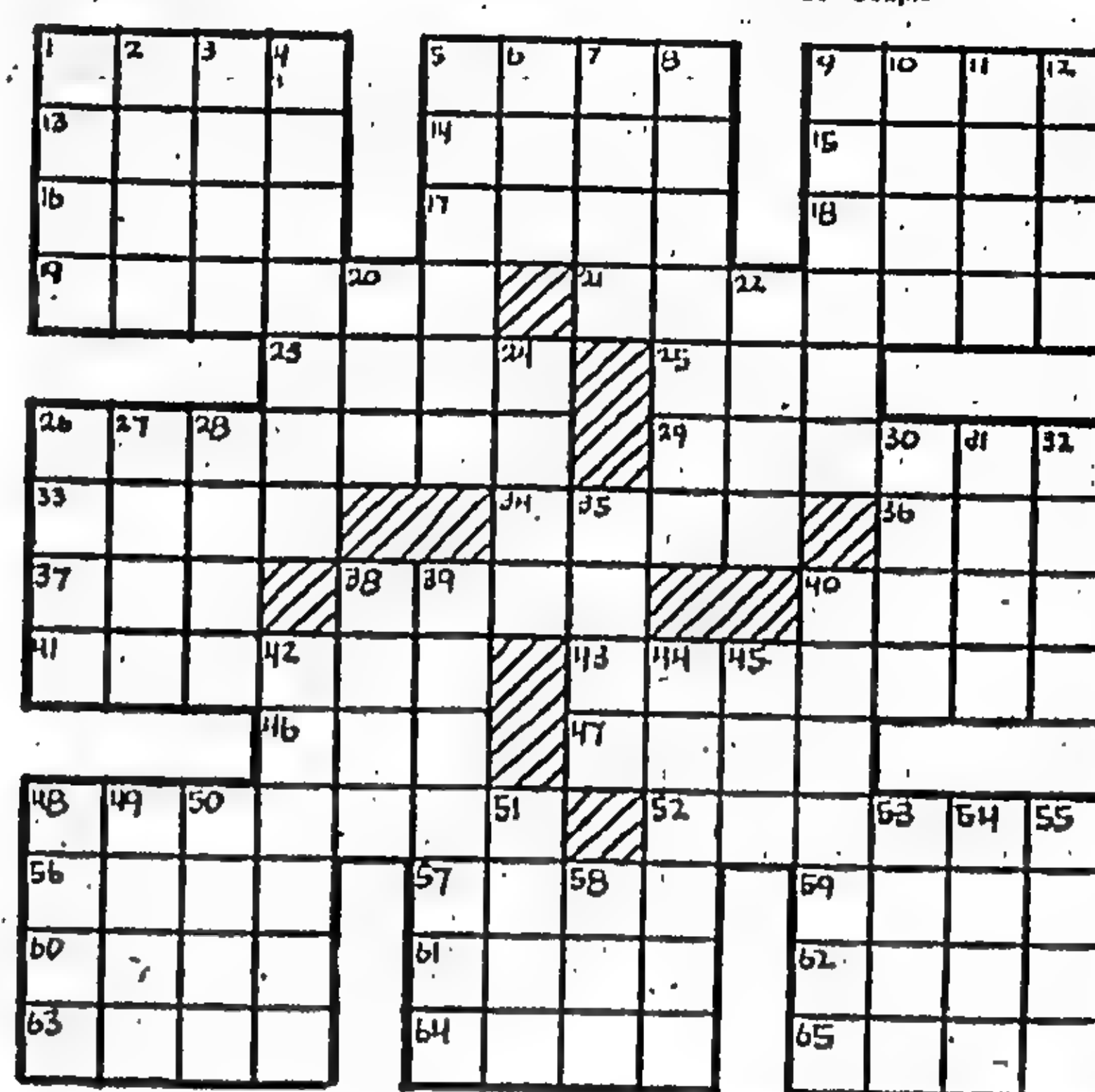
Mr Young paid tribute to the work of the United States Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr Joseph Grew, "a man of the finest type for such a difficult post—holding the Embassy fort in Tokyo against unbelievable odds."

The correspondent also told his Baltimore audience of his 61 days in a Tokyo gaol.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

- ACROSS
1—Indian state
2—Sound of explosion
3—Food plant
4—Favoured
5—Tiny bit
6—Among
7—Verbal
8—Hero of medieval romance
9—Hiding
10—Wanders from herd
11—Device indicating back
12—Chirp
13—Anger
14—Religious war
15—Hilliest peak
16—Flower
17—Theater box
18—Person (Scottish)
19—Mimic
20—Mouthful
21—Green
22—Frenzy
23—Network
24—Leaving ship
25—Evergreen
26—Chase
27—Transparent mineral
28—Crawled
29—Violent scene
30—Short letter
31—New star
32—Measure area
33—Conquer
34—Increased
- DOWN
1—In the distance
2—Full back to worst
3—Deadly
4—Duple (South African)
5—Pertaining to ear
6—Crash
7—Cub in two
8—Alphabetic form
9—Paradise
10—Astronomical
11—New York canal
12—Pasha
13—Cord
14—Customs
15—Mental image
16—Fortified place
17—Hut for oxen
18—Town in Prussia
19—Ostrich
20—Hills of land
21—Hut
22—Hut of window
23—Large snake
24—Fishlike
25—Ancient times
26—Boat
27—Learning
28—Level
29—Daybreak
30—Couple



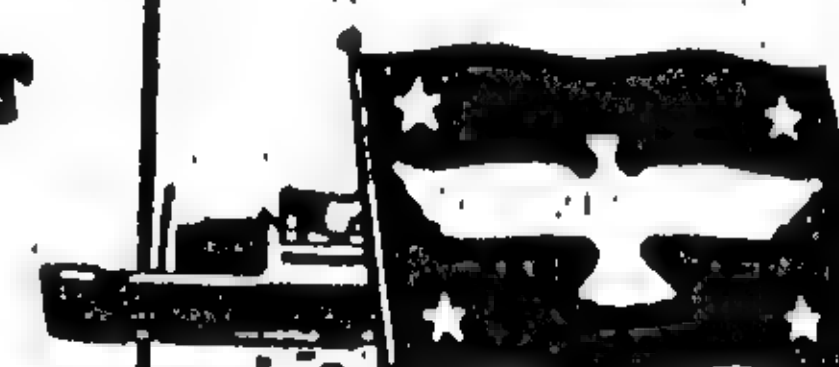
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REGULUS OVERDUE

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LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The British submarine *Regulus*, (Commander F. B. Currie) is now overdue and must be considered lost, states the Admiralty.

The *Regulus* was stationed in Hongkong for several years just prior to the outbreak of war.

Spanish Envoy To Italy Recalled

Warned To Be Ready

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Spanish Ambassador to Italy, Senor Garcia Condey Mendez, has been recalled and has been told to hold himself at the disposal of the Spanish Foreign Office, says a Madrid dispatch to the "Stefani" agency.

Senor Mendez became Ambassador to Italy in July, 1937, shortly after an Italian Ambassador had been accredited to General Franco's Government.

Further Raids On Yunnan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KUNMING, Jan. 7 (UP).—Three Japanese scouting planes ranged over Yunnan to-day. One of which was over Kunming. Yesterday, nine Japanese planes bombed south Yunnan and another nine planes bombed the Yunnan-Burma highway.

19 Killed Aboard British Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LISBON, Jan. 8 (UP).—According to the "Diario Noticias" correspondent at San Vicente Island, Boia Verpe, the explosion aboard the British steamer *Shakespeare*, which was torpedoed off Salisland by an Italian U-boat last Monday, killed 19 members of the crew.

The remaining 23 men disembarked on Salisland.

Badminton League

Kowloon Tong Beat Police 6-3

Handicapped by the absence of two regular players, Police lost to Kowloon Tong 3-6, in the B Division (Section B) of the Badminton League last night.

W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police) beat Peter Lee and J. Tang 21-8; beat R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee 21-14; beat S. C. Chan and Lee Po 21-14.

Win For St. John's

St. John's defeated St. Andrew's 7-2. D. Kwok and E. Kennard lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 15-21; beat M. Talan and M. Merrett 21-10; beat E. J. White and J. Tomlinson 21-4.

N. Smith and P. Wilson beat Fincher and Kew 21-10; beat Davies and Merrett 21-10; beat White and Tomlinson 21-4. R. Maynard and C. S. Ladd lost to Fincher and Kew 13-21; beat Davies and Merrett 21-11; beat White and Tomlinson 21-5.

Jewish R. C. Loss

In Section A Recreia beat Jewish R.C. 8-1.

C. C. Pereira and A. R. Alves beat B. Dotkin and J. Odell 21-7; beat M. Talan and S. Hamer 21-4.

P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Doteho beat Dotkin and Odell 21-10; beat Talan and Polak 21-10; beat Odell and Hamer 21-9. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha lost to Dotkin and Odell 21-10; beat Talan and Polak 21-14; beat Odell and Hamer 21-9.

Starting Times For Captain's Cup At Sheungshui

Starting times for the Captain's Cup competition of the Country Club, Sheungshui, will be as follows:

9.30 M. F. Pinna, C. H. Suen.
9.35 A. W. Ramsey, W. C. Hung.
9.40 B. Basto, A. R. Pinna.
9.45 T. Y. C. Lee, E. J. M. Churn.
9.50 C. H. Basto, R. E. Lee.
9.55 Geo. Lee, F. K. Silva.
10.00 A. T. Lee, A. A. Gutierrez.

British Assault On Tobruk Soon

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perial forces are hourly closing in on this town.

British Headquarters here at Cairo are unwilling to make much comment on the nature of the advance but it is gathered that the operations are proceeding to the "utmost satisfaction" of the commanders.

The complete collapse of morale among Graziani's forces is illustrated by official disclosures that three Blackshirt commanders deserted their men on the night before Bardia fell.

The whereabouts of General Berganzoli, who commanded the Bardia garrison, remain a mystery. Initially reported captured, he is now stated to be missing.

A military spokesman at Cairo tonight suggested that the Blackshirt General who has since been captured may have been mistaken for Berganzoli. The open rocky nature of the terrain, said the spokesman, doubtless facilitated his escape from Bardia.

Before the British force launched the final onslaught, it might have been possible for a small batch of Italians to creep through the cordon round the town.

U.S. TO HAVE THREE FLEETS

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spring but this arrangement might be changed without notice.

The increase of 42,000 in personnel raises the Navy's manpower to 232,000 including the reserves on active duty.

More Auxiliary Ships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said he would soon ask Congress for authorization to construct 280 auxiliary vessels.

Vichy Delay Riles Berlin

Pliant Cabinet Wanted

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The German Government is still impatient about the delay in the Cabinet reconstruction at Vichy in favour of the Germans, and the German-controlled radio at Vichy today gave some indication of what the Nazis want.

It was expected, said the Oslo radio, that M. Bonnet (who is a noted pro-German) will join the Cabinet and that other ministers not favoured by Germany will go.

Italy Calling Up More Men

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 8 (UP).—It was announced that the calling up of the 1921 and 1922 classes will affect 600,000 men. The first class will be sent to barracks immediately and probably to the front, while the second class will be physically examined, beginning January 10.

BAN ON JEWS IN NETHERLANDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Jan. 8 (UP).—It is officially announced that henceforth Jews will be banned from the motion picture theatres throughout the Netherlands, on the grounds that they were among those causing disturbances in cinema theatres recently.

Free French Spitfires

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A Spitfire fund for Free French forces in Britain has been opened with £500. This sum was handed to General de Gaulle by the Association of Frenchmen in Britain.

The first Spitfire to be purchased from the funds will be named "General de Gaulle."

Cottage Club Ride

The next Cottage Club paper-hunt will be held on Saturday, January 11 at 4 p.m. from Fanling Village. Non-members who can provide their own mounts are cordially invited to attend.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wire- less).—The total number of registered unemployed on December 31, 1940, was 715,279 and is the lowest recorded since 1921.

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U.S. TO HAVE THREE FLEETS, AND ALL AT WAR-TIME STRENGTH

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO-DAY ORDERED EACH WARSHIP TO BE MANNED AT FULL WARTIME STRENGTH. HE ORDERED A SWEEPING REORGANIZATION AND A WHOLESALE SHAKEUP OF THE NAVAL HIGH COMMAND AND AUTHORIZED AN INCREASE IN THE ACTIVE ENLISTED STRENGTH FROM 192,000 TO 232,000.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, COLONEL FRANK KNOX, SAID HE WAS CREATING A THREE FLEET NAVY—ATLANTIC, PACIFIC AND ASIATIC, EACH UNDER A COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

British Assault On Tobruk Soon To Be Launched

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (UP).—The concentration of British tanks, armoured cars, and infantry in the Tobruk area is growing daily, but the military spokesman said that a line of retreat is still open to the Italians. The line is presumed to be along the coastal road leading to Derna.

PROSPECTS HOPEFUL

What R.A.F. Has Done In The Middle East

By JAN YINDRICH
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (UP).—A senior R.A.F. officer to-day declared that reinforcements were arriving very much faster than two-and-a-half months ago. However, he pointed out that "we have by no means come to the end of Italian resistance, and they may have to obtain assistance from Germany. We have a reasonably long road to travel, but the prospects of us getting to the end of that road are very much better now than they were two and a half months ago."

The officer revealed that the R.A.F. in the Middle East had brought down over 500 Italian planes since Italy entered the war. The R.A.F. had also made about 2,000 raids on all fronts of which one third were in Libya and the remainder in Albania, Greece, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland.

During the same period the R.A.F. lost 100 planes, while one Gladiator squadron in Greece had brought down 40 Italian planes in two months.

Yunnan-Burma Railway

RANGOON, Jan. 8 (Reuters).—The construction of the western section of the Yunnan-Burma Railway will be accelerated shortly, according to information from Chungking received by local Chinese.

It is stated that a plan has been drawn up by the Ministry of Communication in Chungking and is under the consideration of the Executive Yuan.

So far, there are no signs that the Italians are attempting to evacuate Tobruk. The Tobruk garrison is believed to be not strong as that at Bardia, where there were approximately 40,000 men.

Take Up Positions

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuters).—British troops are now concentrating around Tobruk and have taken up positions west of this important port. They are apparently operating on the same plan which enabled them to capture Bardia with such small loss.

General Wavell sent his advance troops in exactly the same way west of Bardia some small patrols may be able to slip up, the main Italian garrison will not be able to get away without putting up a fight. It is extremely unlikely that any reinforcements will get through.

There is no indication of the size of the Tobruk garrison. Tobruk is one of the best harbours in Libya, the harbour being protected by a natural promontory running from west to east, and nearly a mile wide and two miles long. The harbour can be TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Iron Guard Purge

Antonescu's Action

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Jan. 8 (UP).—Messages from Sofia report a Hungarian purge of the Iron Guard radicals who have been insisting that General Antonescu speed up the Government programme. The extreme elements have created a steadily growing tension in Bucharest.

Those who are able to are evacuating their wives and children to the countryside, fearing that street fighting and violence will result from the purge.

Vain Italian Effort To Stop The Greeks

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (UP).—Waves of bombers and strafing planes are reported to have been sent to the entire front in an effort to retard the Greek advance. However, the Evzones, mountain cavalry and other Greek units continue their individual forays against the front lines and isolated positions.

The official spokesman to-night claimed that the Greek advance patrol action invariably ends satisfactorily to the Greeks, who continue to retain the initiative.

More reports reaching Headquarters indicate that in the Kilauna region there has been much action

BERGANZOLI ESCAPES

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (Reuters).—General Berganzoli, Italy's Blackshirt commander of the operations at Bardia, slipped through British fingers at the last moment after deserting his troops and leaving the regular commander to fight on.

One of the Blackshirt commanders, who are stated to have deserted their troops, has been found with the bulk of his staff wandering north of Bardia.

Thailand Indo-China Conflict

MARTIAL LAW ON BORDERS

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Reuters).—Indicating the seriousness of the situation between Thailand and Indo-China, it was announced in a broadcast that martial law has been enforced all along the frontier since last night, says a Japanese report, adding that Thailand's High Command has announced that Thailand forces, which captured Poipet, advanced more than 21 miles within Indo-China territory.

All French nationals living in Thailand were asked to leave the places where they are now and come to live in special districts established at Bangkok or Dhonburi within 72 hours, says another Japanese report.

Thai Air Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANOI, Jan. 8 (UP).—Military censorship has withheld further details of the fighting along the border, but it was admitted in this morning's announcement that Thai bombers attacked one city which resulted in three people being killed and 11 wounded. Details of the fighting will probably be released to-morrow.

Accepts Minister

BANGKOK, Jan. 8 (Domel).—Foreign Office officials, commenting on the recognition of M. Roger Garreau as acting French Minister to Thailand, said that the Government heretofore had refused to recognize M. Garreau because of technical reasons, and that the refusal had nothing to do with the current situation.

Admiral James Richardson has been ordered to report to Colonel Knox for duty, the nature of which has not been disclosed. Colonel Knox said the reorganization, as far as can be determined, will have no effect on the general setup. He explained that the fleet would hold the customary fleet manoeuvres in the spring time.

The increase in enlisted strength also applies to the reserves. Secretary Knox said that as the fleet grows further increases will be made. All ships are in commission and are being kept at full war strength.

C-in-C. Pacific

Colonel Knox further announced that Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel is replacing Admiral James Richardson as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, and that he will also become Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Fleets.

Admiral Richardson will report to the Secretary of the Navy for duties at present undisclosed.

The present Atlantic patrol force, Colonel Knox said, now includes about 125 ships and the principal change in that respect was a change of name.

Auxiliary Vessels

The Navy Department, he disclosed, intends to ask Congress for authority to build 200 auxiliary vessels such as submarine chasers, minesweepers and patrol boats.

Asked concerning the possibility of releasing more American destroyers for Britain, Colonel Knox said: "I don't think any more destroyers can be detached from our fleet without seriously impairing its efficiency." He added, however, that the final decision did not rest with him.

No Increase At Present

Colonel Knox declared that it was not intended to increase the Asiatic Fleet's strength at present.

The Navy planned to hold the usual fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific this

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JAPANESE GESTURE Sending Warships To Hanoi

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HANOI, Jan. 8 (UP).—Informed circles close to the Japanese, disclosed that several small Japanese warships will arrive in the river off Hanoi on January 13. They believe this movement of ships is an effort to strengthen Japan's hand in the Tokyo negotiations.

Last Tuesday, the French held up a train-load of Japanese tanks and artillery outside of Hanoi after they had arrived from Haiphong. Informed circles declare that the arms were not intended for the Chinese border.

ENGLAND ADOPTS COMMUNAL KITCHENS

The system of communal kitchens during the present war has been adopted with outstanding success, especially in the large cities. A full dinner and sweets are served for sixpence. The majority of the people who use the kitchens have had their homes bombed, but they still carry on. In the lower picture is a charming study of the Queen, warming her hands over a stove while visiting a communal kitchen. With her is Lord Woolton, the Food Minister.



Japanese Refuse To Hand Over German

British Request Ignored

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8 (Domel).—The sailing of the N.Y.K. liner Tatsuta Maru was delayed for 75 minutes as a result of the eleventh-hour request by the British Consul, Mr Paul D. Butler, to Mr Ichiro Kawasaki, acting Japanese Consul-General, to order the disembarkation of Mr H. Ritter, German financier in New York, on the grounds that Mr Ritter was a propagandist.

Mr Kawasaki, after consultation with the shipping line officials, rejected the request pointing out that all belligerents travelling on Japanese ships are required to sign an affidavit that they are not members of military and naval forces.

Moreover, such a statement is checked by the shipping firm before the ticket is issued. Japanese officials discerned a deliberate "pin-pricking" British gesture in Mr Butler's request, pointing out that it was made immediately before the Tatsuta Maru was scheduled to sail for Japan at noon.

Japanese officials said that the request itself constituted a British

Communists Challenge Chungking Three Proposals Submitted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TAIYUAN, Jan. 8 (Domel).—A three point counter-proposal in connection with the Chungking order for the transfer of Communist troops, has been decided upon by the Chinese Communist Party following a three-day conference of the Party's executives at Yenan, in Shensi Province.

The three Communist proposals, according to the report, are: first, that Chungking recognize independent stationing of 500,000 Communist troops in North China and Inner Mongolia and remit \$5,790,000 to finance their activities.

Second, that all Chungking agencies of the Kuomintang and the Central Government existing north of Sian now be removed south of Sian.

Third, that Chungking recognize maintenance of communist banks in North China.

Take Proposals To Chungking

It is reported that Yeh Chien-ying, representative of the Communist Party, returned to Yenan after negotiating with Chungking authorities regarding the proposed transfer of the Communist troops at the end of December. Communist leaders then met in conference for three days from December 27 to decide upon counter-proposals to Chungking which will be presented to the Kuomintang-Communist Joint conference scheduled at Chungking for January 10. Bringing with them the Communist

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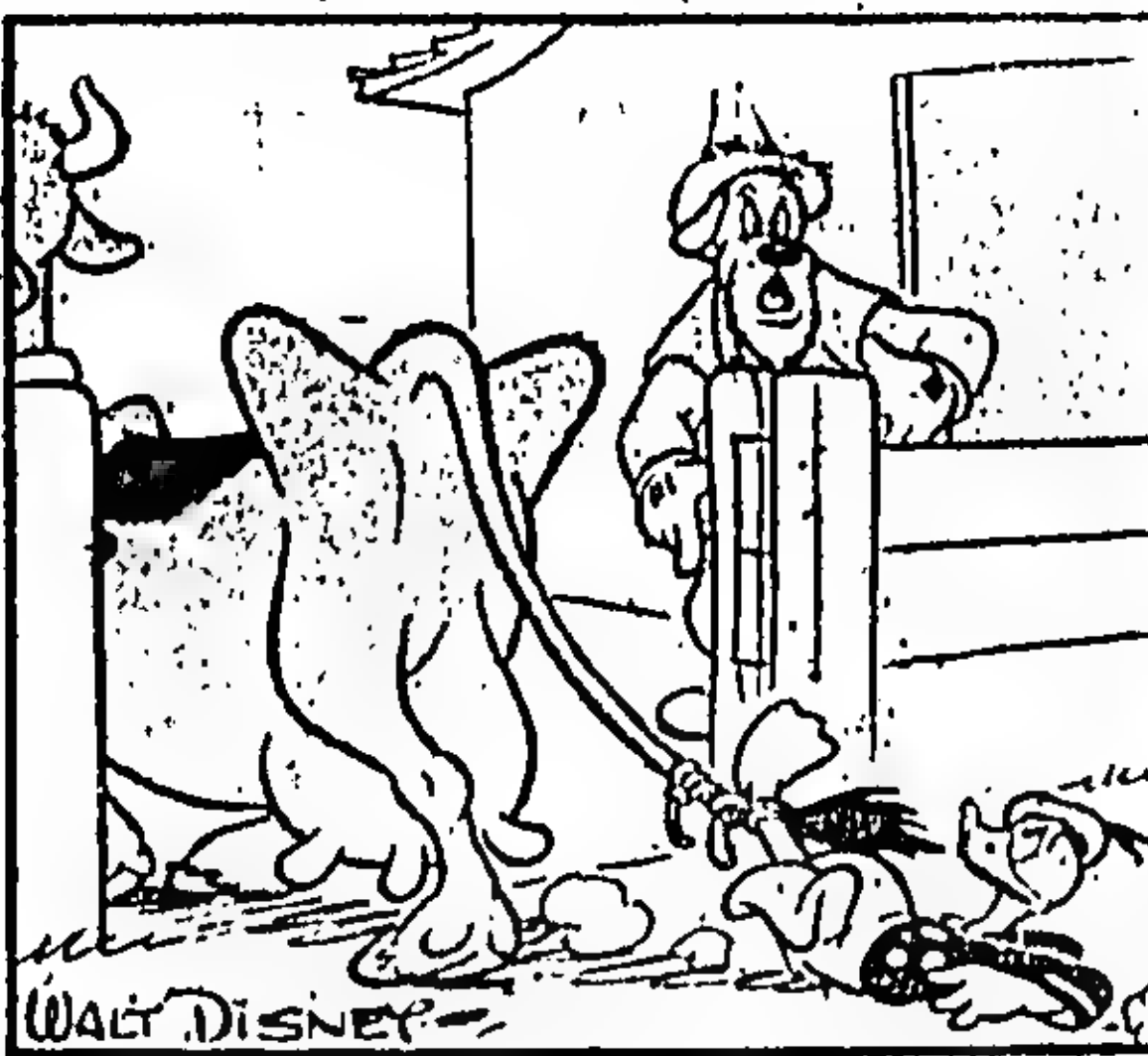
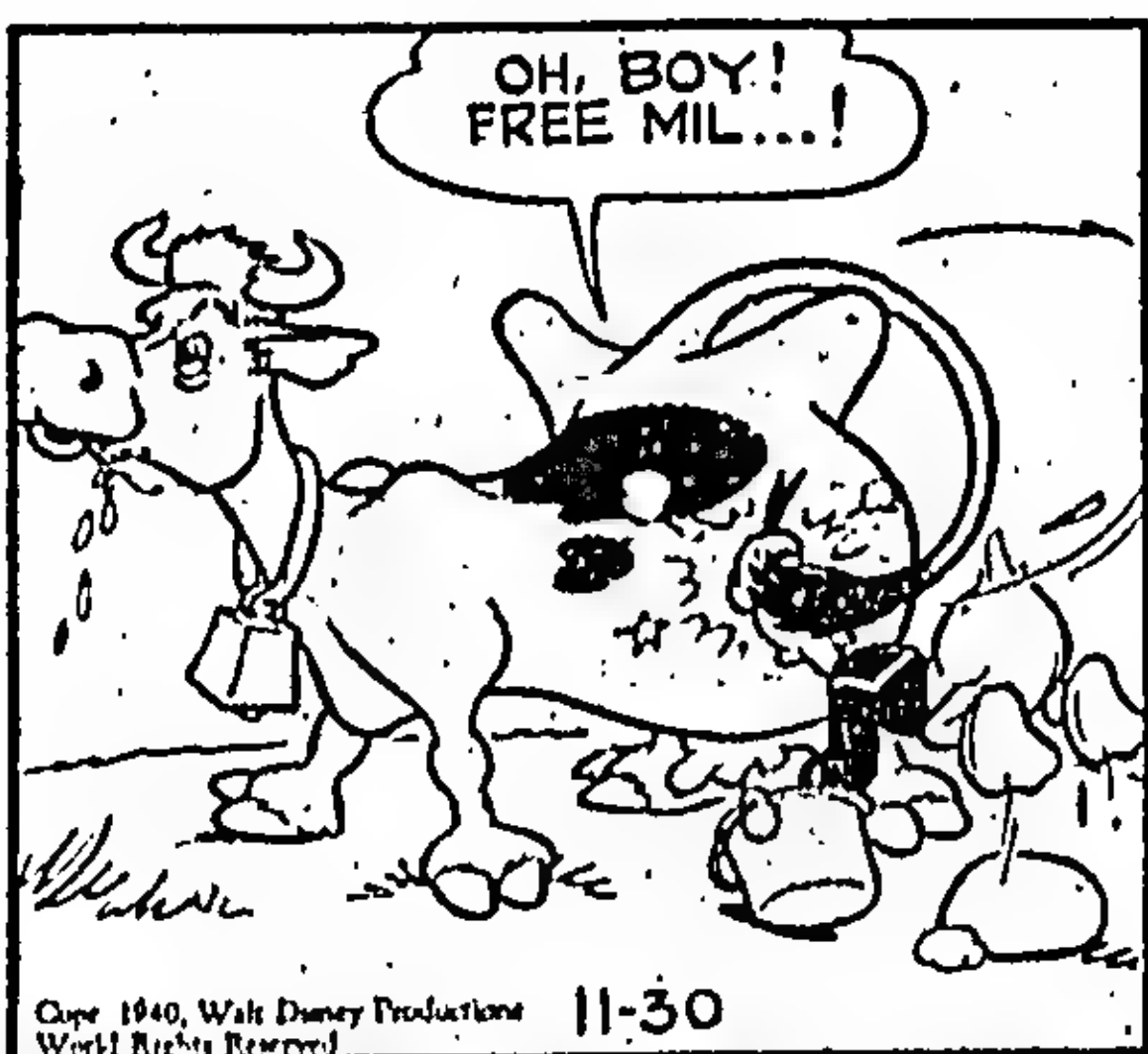
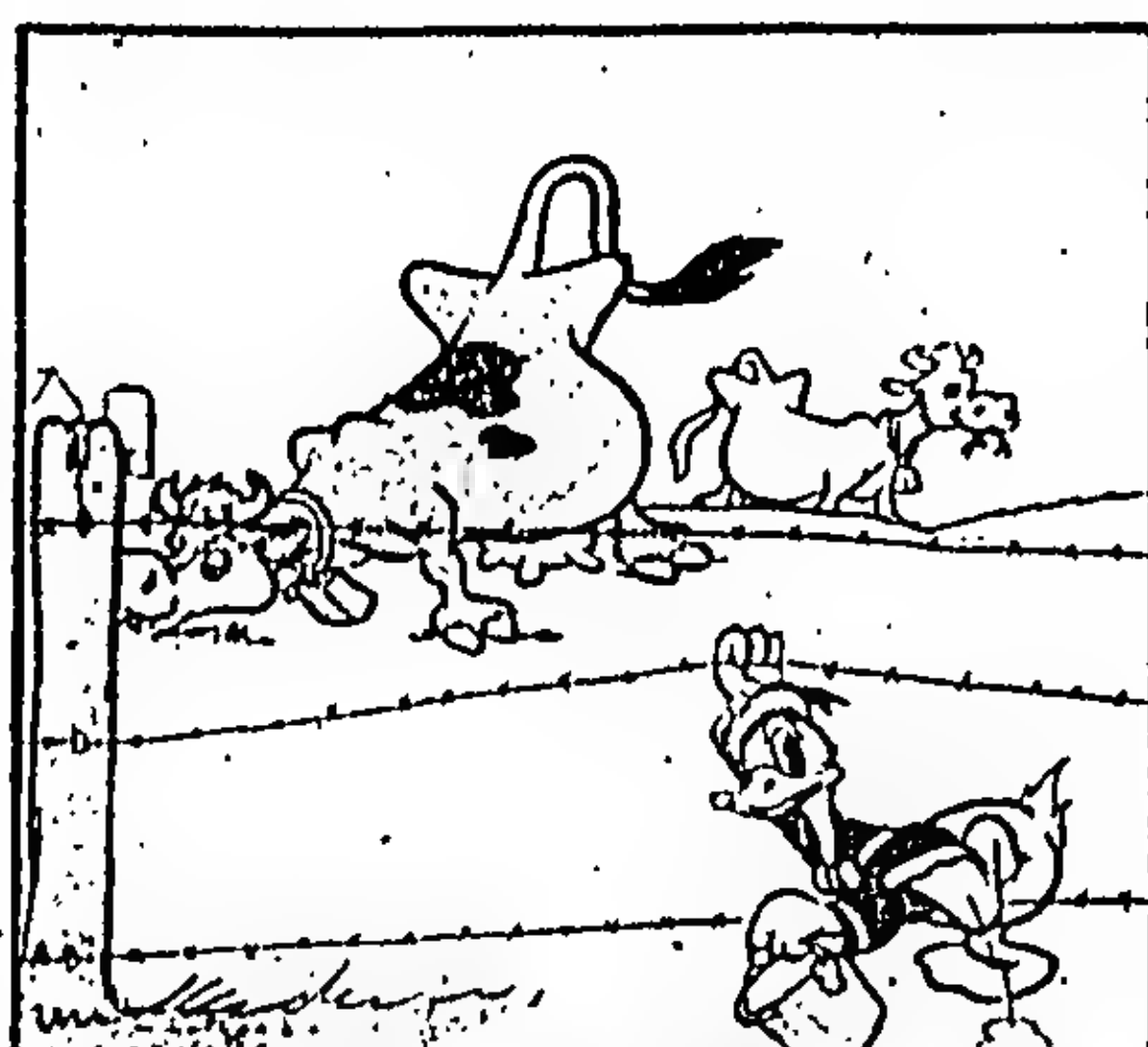
GOVERNOR RETURNING

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Central News).—Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Governor of Hongkong, is returning to his post, travelling via the United States.

Prior to his departure, Sir Geoffrey took leave of the Chinese Ambassador, Dr Quo Tai-chi, and had a friendly talk with him.

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Mussolini's Mystery Isles

By HARRY LEVIN

The Dodecanese Islands have suddenly sprung from their obscurity in the Eastern Mediterranean map into the glare of the war headlines. Harry Levin, who sketches them for you here, visited the islands not long before war broke out between Italy and Greece.

"COME to Rhodes," the gay tourist posters were still beckoning a few weeks ago. "Gem of the Dodecanese, Italy's Aegean Isle of Roses!"

It had everything—beautiful scenery, unrivalled climate, splendid hotels, magnificent antiquities: an earthly paradise above the murmuring Mediterranean.

What they did not add was that it is also an island fortress.

The twelve islands of the Dodecanese, of which Rhodes is larger than the other eleven together, lie midway between Egypt and Greece.

They form to-day a key point in the Mediterranean war.

ONCE TURKISH

From ancient times, when their first known conquerors were the Mycenaeans and Phoenicians, their strategic value has been recognised.

Before the Italians seized them in 1912, they were in Turkish hands. But the bulk of the islanders are Greeks. Their ancestors have lived in the Dodecanese since the dawn of history.

In Rhodes, the tourists are struck by the perfect roads that run up the hillsides to end abruptly, as though their destinations had suddenly vanished.

Those roads lead to skillfully-shuttered nests, blasted out of the hillsides which shelter the Italian batteries.

The number of guns and the extent of the island's other fortifications, are, naturally, things strangers don't find out.

Some of the hillside caverns, however, are known to have begun life as quarries. Now they are fitted with corridors, anti-chambers, rotundas and ventilating shafts.

Nearly 300 miles of roads have been built in Rhodes by the Italians.

One of these highways, linking the aerodrome with the main town, runs along the shore. Parallel with it, along the beach below, runs a line of barbed wire entanglements. On the ridges just above are great coils of more barbed wire.

FOR THE "MERMAIDS"

The Customs guard used to explain with a grin that this prickly barricade was to stop mermaids landing.

Also in readiness for the "mermaids," immense barracks and military hospitals have been built. The main streets, bars, and cinema swarmed, when I was there, with green uniforms of the garrison.

Very youthful they were for the most part—short, dark and affable. Many came from the country districts of southern Italy. One, at least, was mightily bored.

He missed the farm at home, he said. There was work to be done there now. And here he was wasting his time. But—with a shrug of the shoulders—it wasn't his business. The Duke wanted him here, and the Duke must be right.

"Well, I don't suppose he's bored and longer."

Three small ports divide the waterfront of Rhodes. Beside one stood the famous 100-foot Colossus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

The Italians have sunk millions of pounds in widening and improving these ports. Continual improvement has been in progress not only in Rhodes but in Leros, Cos, and Stampalia.

Particularly Leros—the secret island of the Dodecanese.

To make sure that the secret of this island are kept, thousands of its Greek and Turkish natives were expelled.

Italy's plans have been to turn Leros into a miniature Aegean Gibraltar. The fine natural harbour of Porto Lago can hold some of the largest battleships. It has a seaplane base, with many miles of ideal "flying-water," and a naval arsenal.

The eastern side of the island, facing the narrow Dardanelles Straits that separate it from Anatolia, has been strongly fortified.

MILITARY VALUE

Once, in 1925, two Italian deputies became highly excited about the possibility of settling Italians in the Dodecanese. Five million Italians could be established there, they said, probably more.

Mussolini wasn't interested. For him, in the words of an Italian spokesman, "the value of the islands arises from their geographic military position, which enables us to make of them the base of our future expansion."

So, out of a total population of over 140,000, there used to be only a few thousand Italians, most of them officials, professional men and merchants.

Still, Mussolini has been prodigal with public buildings for them. In the "Via del Littorio," near the Rhodes seaport, you see Italian constructive ambition at its height. On each side of the broad street, with not a speck of dirt to mar their severity, are the great clustered, Government buildings, the Fascist headquarters, the cinema that is in truth a picture palace; the "Vittorio Veneto," Oriental styles are strewn together, designed not less to overawe the natives than to perpetuate in stone the greatness of the Fascist builders.

PRIVILEGED ISLES

Italy has given the islanders bread and games, and some economic benefits. But it withholds freedom.

All the feeling and all the loyalty of the Greek population—which is nearly 90 per cent. of the total—are for Greece.

Despite concentrated efforts to make them good Italian citizens, they consider Italian rule undesirable. Quietly, their Church, which has a long memory, and has not forgotten grave indignities to its Archbishops as far back as the time of the Venetians in the 16th century, teaches them to keep faith with Greece and Greek culture.

In 1922, for this offence, the Orthodox Metropolitan of Rhodes was expelled.

Under Turkey the islands enjoyed many benefits. They were known, in fact, as the Privileged Isles. Yet they joined the Greek War of Independence.

In the coming of the Italians in 1912 they saw promise of liberation. At the Peace Conference, Venizelos fought for their "unalterable and centuries-old aspiration to unite with Greece."

He obtained a compromise. It seemed that Rhodes, at least, might attain its goal, although the other islands were ceded to Italy.

Then Venizelos fell from grace. In 1924 all the islands were formally annexed to Italy, with the consent of Turkey.

All signs of restlessness in the islands have since been vigorously repressed. In 1930 there were riots. That was the last expression of dissatisfaction.

To-day, although they may seem resigned to their fate, the movement for liberation still stirs uneasily beneath the surface. But it has lacked all power—and now the war has trapped once more the inhabitants of these isles of mystery.

FUNNY SIDE UP By Abner Dean



"About that money I lent your folks—shall I deduct it as charity or a bad debt?"

The bravest men I ever met

By C. G. Grey

JUST when the Blitzkrieg on Norway had started I was staying with a friend at a Coastal Command station of the R.A.F. It was a queer station. It had started with Avro Ansons to patrol the coast and escort convoys of ships. Then it had acquired some fighters to drive away enemy aircraft which attacked the Ansons.

After that some American Hudson twin-engine machines were given to it. They had more power and range than the little Ansons, and found out important things on the coast of Norway, which led to the borrowing of heavy and medium bombers from the Bomber Command. In fact, the place was a regular aeronautical menagerie.

The day I got there our newspapers had published maps of our new minefields round Denmark and right into the Baltic, far beyond the Skagerrak and Kattegat (friends of the schoolboys), blocking the German and Danish harbours from which ships had to take troops to Norway.

Very rightly our people said: "Wonderful thing the British Navy. But how did our mine-layers or submarines get through the German minefields, and past the German submarines and destroyers and air force to lay those mines?"

THAT evening about cocktail time into the ante-room of the mess came half a dozen young officers in naval uniform, led by one who was himself led by an unimpressive but terrible-looking bulldog-man and dog were much the same shape and ever so English.

My host told me that they were part of a Fleet Air Arm squadron which was at the station on a special job. Later, I was shown what it was and how they did it.

On the airfield was a squadron of the Fairey Swordfish, which is a big biplane with a single Bristol Pegasus motor of 600 h.p. Like all Fleet Air Arm machines, the wings fold so that they can go down the lifts in H.M.'s aircraft carriers from the flying deck to the aircraft hold, which the F.A.A. loyal to the air, calls hangars.

The machine was built for Fleet reconnaissance, and as a torpedo-dropper, so it is a weight-lifter, and its best cruising speed is about 130 m.p.h.—about that of the trainers which one sees floating around the sky.

These Swordfishes for the special job were different. Where the navigator ought to sit was an enormous petrol-tank which stuck

up above the deck between the pilot and the aft cockpit. It took up all the second seat, and ended in a blank wall high above where the third seat should have been. There the navigator had to sit with his legs underneath a mass of petrol, all ready to drown him in flames if an incendiary bullet caught it.

AT bombing-up time, just before dark, instead of the normal torpedo or bombs, huge flat-ended barrels were rolled out on trolleys and fixed between the wheels.

These were our magnetic mines for the Baltic, far more powerful and more magnetic than the German mines of which we heard so much at the time, and now looked upon as a busted flush.

Those barrels brought the flying speed of the old Swordfish down to about 60 m.p.h.

That night, as the rest of us were going peacefully to bed, we heard the growl of the Bristol's starting up, and a few minutes later the drone of heavy stuff taking off, circling the C.O.'s house and heading seawards.

Next morning they all came back, but one, who had to land at another airfield and bent his undercarriage. They reported results, and their supper at a late breakfast-time, and went to bed, all ready to do it again next night.

NOW figure to yourself that sort of courage—the "three o'clock in the morning courage" which Napoleon admired in our people—the machine outrageously overloaded, carrying a mine which would leave nothing to pick up if it exploded in a crash, and carrying a truck-load of petrol to give the 1,000 miles range; its speed such that the worst anti-aircraft gunner or searchlight operator could hardly miss it; its only protection against fighters the fact that it was too slow for them to stay with it and shoot at it; pilot and navigator without the companionship of a cabin, lonely all night on the end of a telephone wire.

They had none of the excitement of the single-seat fighter, or his interval for refreshment after his three-hour patrol, and none of the crewship, as it were, of the big bombers or the flying boats. If ever there was a solitary deed, this mine-laying in the Swordfishes had it—for most of twelve hours at a stretch.

They were the bravest men I have met. I have known a good many V.C.s and plenty of D.S.O.s.

Why Grow Old?

By Josephine Lowman

When you look into the mirror don't indulge in wishful thinking as the wicked queen in Snow White did. If we look only at our best points and try to overlook the others, we will fall far short of our potentialities for loveliness.

Our mirrors should be so placed and so lighted that they will tell us the truth about our faults in complexion, hair and figure. If we are to overcome faults we must first recognise them.

Too many women go in for the becoming, rosy, dim lights which flatter them into carelessness and neglect. We can have these in our boudoirs, but at some place we should have brightly lighted mirrors with which to whet our appetite for self-improvement.

Four Mirrors Needed

A woman really needs four mirrors to help her appraise herself—and cure—for herself. First she must have one which she can use at her dressing-table. This should be large enough for her to see herself from her head to her waist. Next, she needs a hand mirror, one full-length one, and a magnifying glass. The latter is of the greatest aid in studying the skin; applying lipstick and weeding out stray hairs from the brows.

Lighting is also important. Some ladies attempt to use the bulbs which represent sunlight, electric light, or daylight. However, this is a rather risky business, except for experts, and it is usually better to use plain white bulbs and plenty bright!

The lights at the side of the dressing-table should be about on a level with the nose, and should also have a light above the head.

One Convenient Place

It helps us immensely to have all of the necessities of good grooming and beauty care in one convenient spot. It is so easy to procrastinate if we have to look for the brush and hunt up the cleansing cream.

The most limited and meagre set of tools should include manicure items, cleansing and lubricating cream, eye cream, a long-bristled hairbrush, lotion, an eyelash and eyebrow brush, a deodorant, a depilatory and tweezers. Besides these, a woman should have a light pad on which to take her exercises and a board or cot (with end raised) so that she can rest for a period or so of time each day in the beauty angle position.

Make it easy to care for yourself! Don't put the obstacles of clutter and lost time in your way. These simple, daily routines will keep you young long after the loudest laughter of scoffers has died away.

None of these F.A.A. lads had any decorations then. I hope they have got them since. To-day the job is done by high-powered, high-speed, well-armed bombers. Nobody admires our bomber crews and coastal reconnaissance people and our fighter pilots more than I do. But those couples in the Swordfishes deserve to be recorded in history, for they made so much history themselves.

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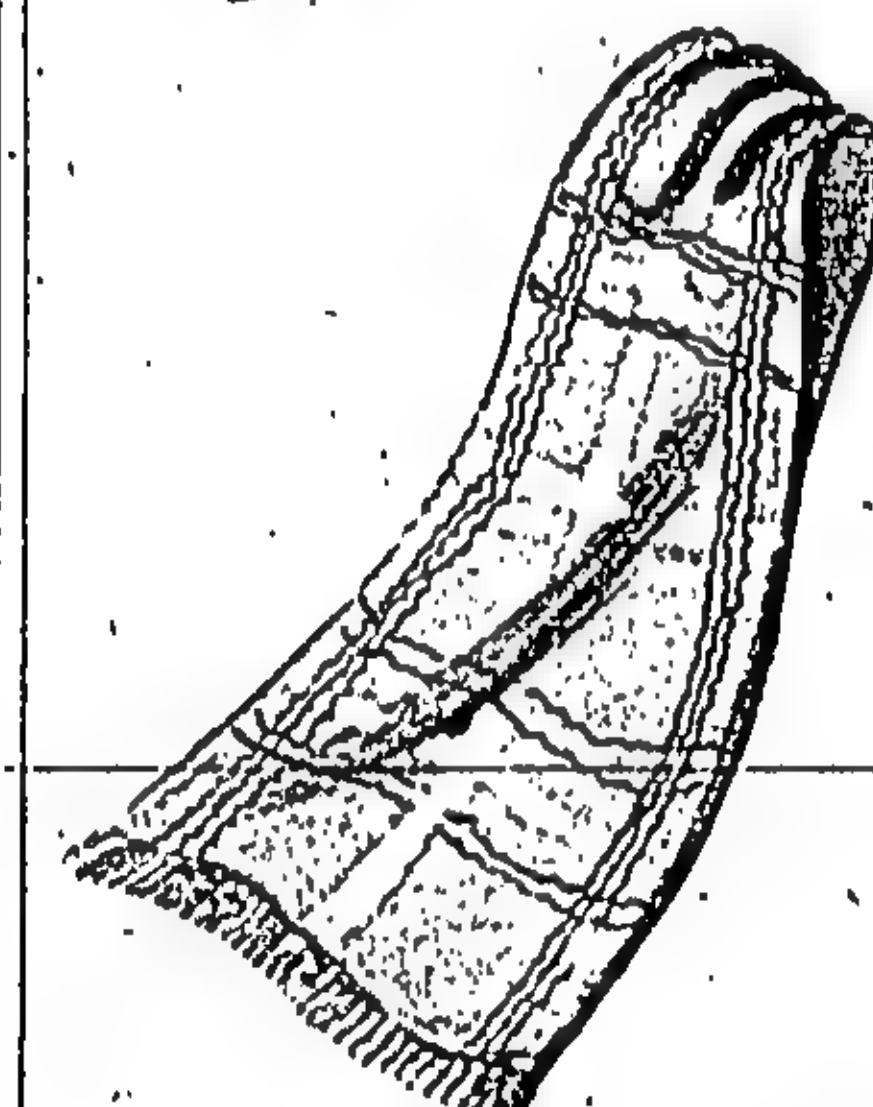
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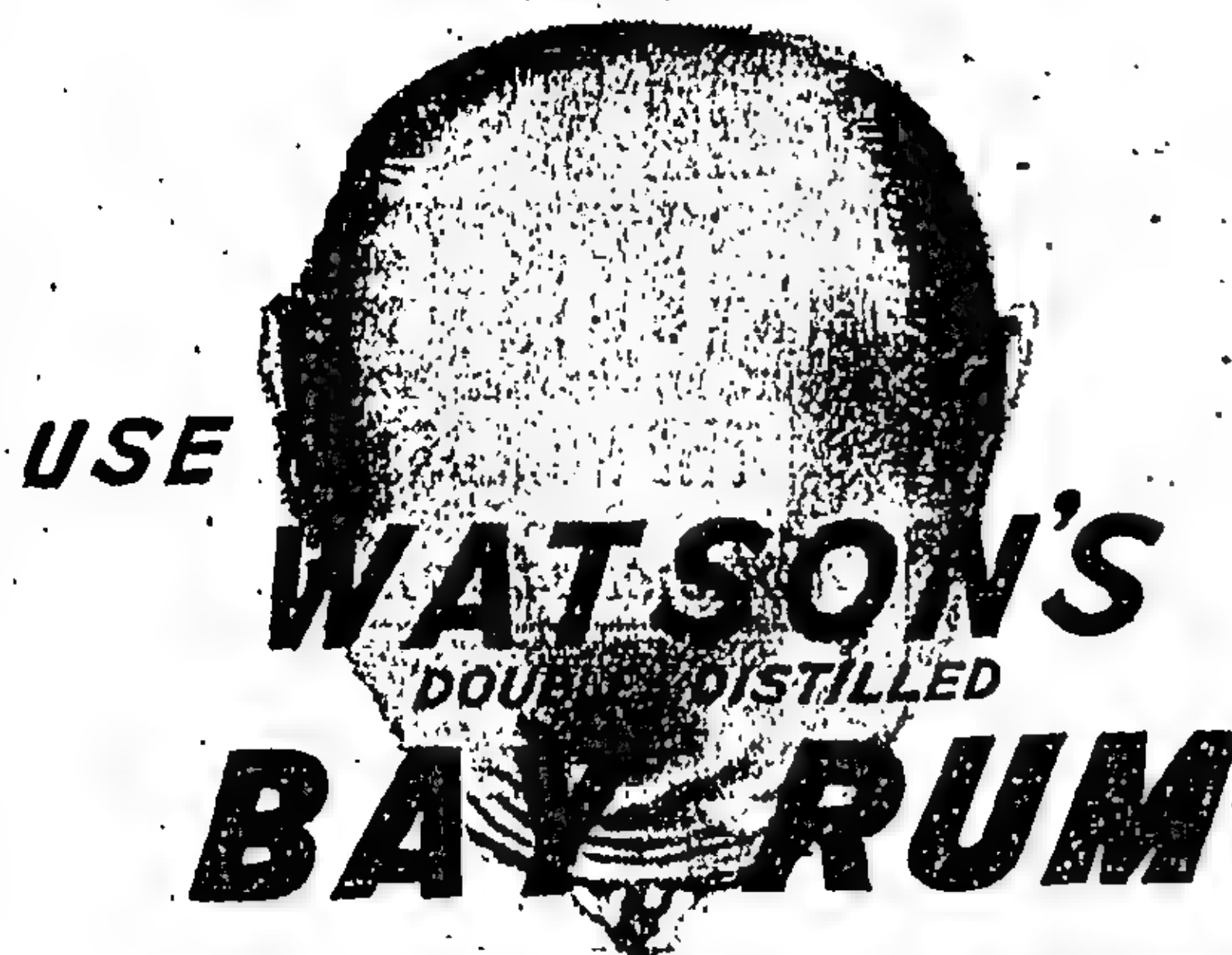
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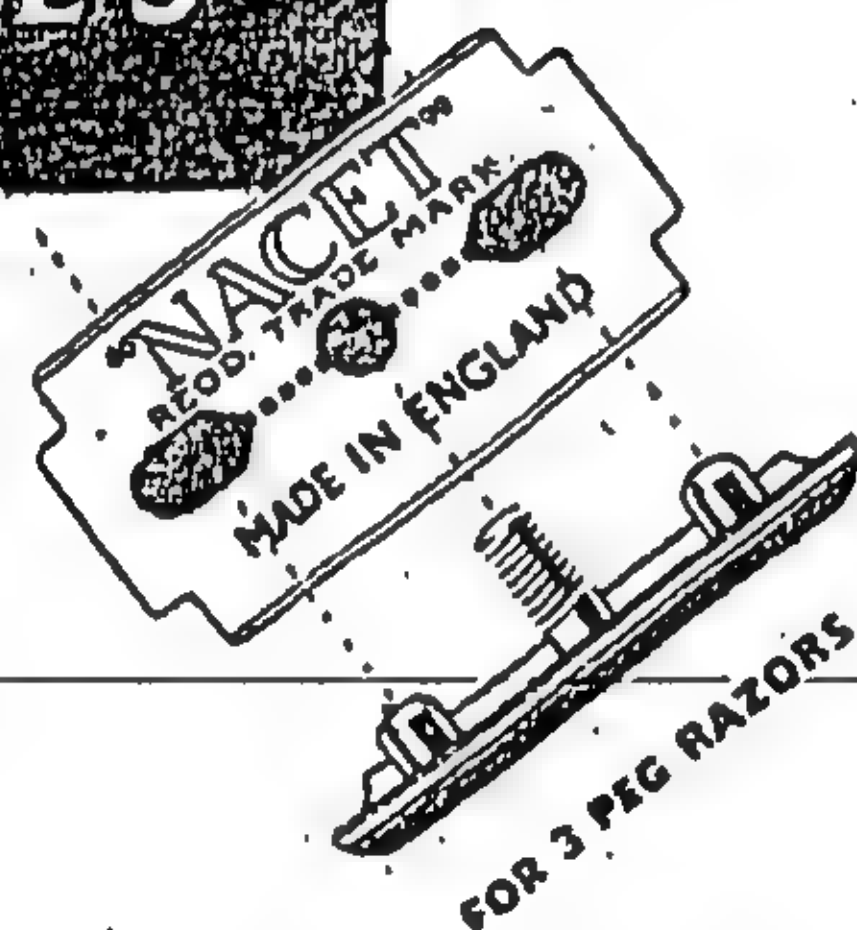
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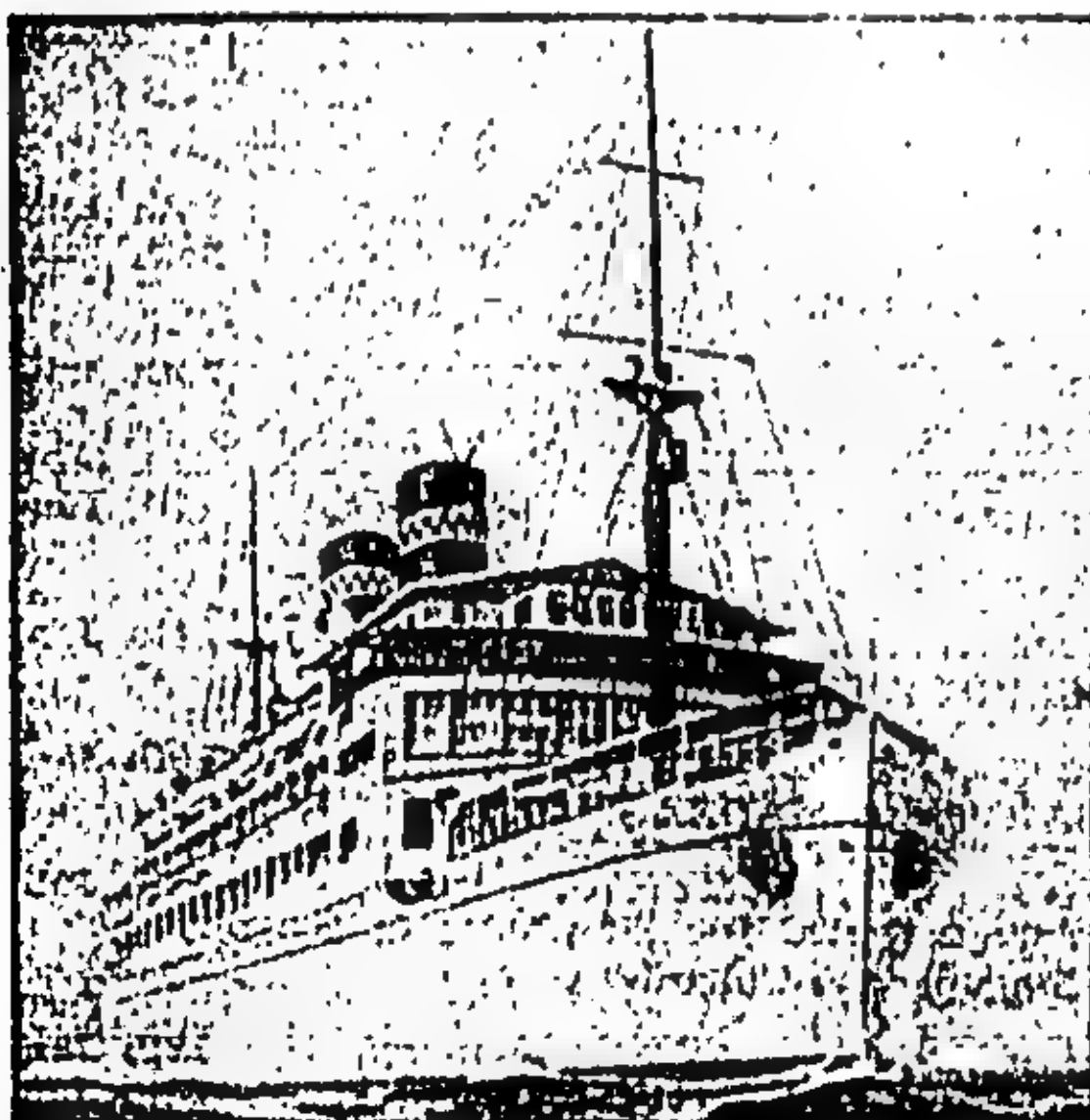
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The Hongkong Telegraph

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U.S. "WAR" BUDGET

PRESIDENT Roosevelt yesterday produced what is virtually a war budget. "The budget I transmit is a reflection of a world at war," declared the President, adding "it is safe only to prepare for total defence." This is America's answer to the challenge of the Totalitarians.

Between June 1941 and June 1942 the United States expects to spend over \$10,000,000,000 on national defence. Over and above that, unspecified expenditures are to be made on behalf of the Allied cause. "The matter of providing munitions for the Democracies defending themselves against attack must be considered immediately," stated President Roosevelt in his budget message, thereby reaffirming his pledge made earlier this week to give Britain aid to the limit short of going to war.

Thus have the dictator nations—one swaggering and boastful, the other tottering and dispirited, the third cautious, suspicious and wondering what to do next—succeeded in arraying against themselves the two most powerful nations of the world. The bitter is about to be bit. The tremendous resources of the United States industry and finance are to be used to their capacity in a common fight against what the Americans now know is a common foe. When this is achieved the spectacular output of the Nazi war industry during the past eight years will be made to appear trifling.

The knowledge is sufficient to strike terror into the hearts of the Axis partners. When two nations like Britain and the U.S.A. are aroused to fight a total war, there can be only one result—the crushing of those responsible for that war. Hitler may have his plans, his subtle manoeuvres, his clever propaganda, but the two greatest defenders of the system which Hitler is trying to smash

A NEUTRAL CORRESPONDENT LOOKS INSIDE

The first exclamation I heard on German soil during a recent visit revealed something of the fantastic unreality which marks the German outlook. It was at the frontier station. A man, arrived by train with his wife, caught sight of a keg of butter on the platform and burst out, "Look, Grethe! What a pity I haven't my camera. There is a whole keg of butter, and abroad they say we have none."

It may be there is a good deal of butter in Germany; there are a number of countries from which it can be squeezed; but such an argument from an observer, obviously serious, who see a keg of butter in a country of 80,000,000 people and thinks it significant, can be offered only by a German subjected for seven years from early morning till late at night to the dulling effects of Nazi propaganda.

In spite of the keg of butter there is certainly a great scarcity of general commodities in Germany. Butter rations are 125 grammes [about 1/2 lb.] a week, to which may be added 30 grammes [1 oz.] of cooking fats. The meat ration is 500 grammes [about 1 lb.] a week, including sausage. Poultry and bird-flesh in general is not on cards, but it is practically unobtainable in the towns. During the fairs in Leipzig and Vienna, to which foreigners had been invited, chicken could be found at the restaurants here and there, and the meatless days were also suspended, though reintroduced immediately after.

Milk is almost impossible to obtain; adults are allowed only skimmed milk and in very small quantities; cream has not been seen for a year, also neither coffee nor tea, except what soldiers send home to their families from occupied countries; children are entitled to a hectogramme [between 3 oz. and 4oz.] of chocolate, so long as the supply lasts; there are scarcely any vegetables or fruit to be had. You may go from greengrocer to greengrocer without finding anything but potatoes, cabbage-heads, and green tomatoes. Crops have been poor,

have decided to oppose with all the resources at their command, and his fate is sealed.

The message behind President Roosevelt's budget is an assurance never to permit the aggressor nations to obtain that domination of the world which they seek. The challenge to Hitler and his partners is unmistakable, and provides for them an ominous opening to the year, 1941.

the grain harvest being small on account of the rainy summer.

Food that is put on show consists largely of coffee-surrogates, soup extracts, dried roots for soup making, and substitutes for whipped cream. With the exception of cellular-wool and milk fabrics from Holland there are few novelties.

"How can you expect more of us? We are a country at war," is the excuse offered by tradesmen.

A widely advertised new stocking is said to be impregnated to resist rain and the attacks of gnats or mosquitoes. "They should also be impregnated against lads," whispered an Aus-winter woman maliciously. The special meaning of the remark lay in the fact that the German ration of stock-living requirements of the

The poorest card-holders make a business of selling "points" on their cards to others economically better placed. Until recently tulle and lace also were not included in the rationed list, but have just been added to the system; the number of "points" on the clothing cards being simultaneously increased to 150. The advantage is but small as the price in "points" of various items has been raised too, the "points" for a dress having jumped from 40 up to 60, for example.

To conclude, as some are inclined to do, that on account of the scarcity of commodities the Germans will be unable to tide over the winter would be excessive optimism. It is not easy to probe the heart of a German remark lay in the fact that of the Third Reich, but the

WARTIME

ings is only three pairs a year. It is possible still to keep above the hunger line, though only few demands can really be satisfied, but to manage on what the cloth-clever artistry or resource dual voice break through to hoards laid up in advance. This is partly due to terror of the Gestapo and partly to the inability of the masses to withstand seven years of propaganda and preserve individuality of reasoning power. If you hear a word of op-darning wool cancelled out position, you may be sure one point. The card must you have an Austrian before also serve for footwear and you, or perhaps a Sudeten bed sheets, and towels; so it yet been so thoroughly is easy to imagine what cowed as have Germans of deciding on an overcoat or a new suit.

The purchase of shoes is many," said a Sudeten Ger-

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subject also to another man guest of the fair one "formality." The petitioner must make a petition in writing to the local authorities and testify that he has no more than one pair. An indefinite period elapses before the appeal is granted, and during the interval the petitioner must be prepared for a visit by the house inspector to verify the state of his wardrobe. If the visit engineered by Hitler himself shows him or her to have several suits, dresses, sets of sunken popularity had part more than a good Nazi blesome companions.

Another visitor to the fair declared that discontent was the very deep and general in Bavaria ever since the "at-tempt" in Munich which is believed there to have been his wardrobe. If the visit engineered by Hitler himself shows him or her to have several suits, dresses, sets of sunken popularity had part more than a good Nazi blesome companions.

But such tones are not frequent. People console themselves mostly by the reflexion that the war is a matter for Hitler, that he knows best, that in a fortnight it will all be over. Apparently they do not realise how long they have been talking about this fortnight. To the well-trained masses a single day may appear as a banned, however. Furs and thousand years and a thousand silks are still offered for sale and years as a day. If one without cards, but they are meets criticism at all, it does very dear. Quite a number not concern Hitler personally. That he may be seen here and there in the streets.

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apparently strike the average German at all.

Direct enthusiasm for the war can be observed but seldom. Little is known of what is happening in the war. As a rule soldiers do not come home on leave; their relatives seldom get to know whether they are alive or dead, and it is forbidden to wear mourning for a fallen soldier. Material cares appear to engage the thoughts of people more than what the Fuhrer and his associates have on hand. When watching news reels at the cinema and the desolation of enemy lands, with the "manly" German airmen smiling sadiistically as they point to their work, the people remain quite passive, no clapping, no ovations, nothing of the chauvinistic passion one might have expected from the propaganda orgies of the Press. It is as if they are oppressed bomb-raiding and cannot easily forget them.

Yet, although real enthusiasm is absent, it would be wrong to conclude there is any spirit of capitulation or defeatism. The German has, either by nature or upbringing, a perverse tendency to submit to and "enjoy" privation, to obey without reflexion. Obedience gives him a good conscience, whether he is serving a useful purpose or not.

These leanings have been cultivated by the Nazi regime, which has at the same time exploited his proneness to a sort of philosophical idealism. The State is for the German something of intrinsic value, almost a mystic personality. It is the god Moloch, entitled to require everything from his citizens without the obligation to give anything in return.

In this respect the Austrian and the Czech are different and are before, for one thing, less easily influenced by Nazi propaganda.

But just on account of the German's peculiar mentality—which an outsider can never fully comprehend however much he may try—it is impossible to predict how he will react to the coming war winter. There must be a limit somewhere, beyond which he can not be herded, but where is the limit?

Question Of Eire Bases Considered

STRONG pressure is to be put on the Government by members of all political parties to secure an agreement with the Eireann Government for the use of naval bases in Eire.

Mr Churchill's reference to the loss of the bases as a burden which Britain should not have been called on to shoulder led at once to many conferences behind the scenes.

There is no doubt the Government would have the fullest support from M.P.s for any action considered necessary to regain the bases from which anti-U-boat action can be organised.

Bargaining

But the difficulties are fully recognised. No politician takes seriously a suggestion that the bases should be taken back, and that force should be used if necessary.

But it is thought that some arrangement for their temporary leasing, or for their sale to Britain, with political advantages to Eire in return, may be the way out.

CHINESE TURN ENEMY ATTACK INTO EXPENSIVE RETREAT FROM HUPEH

MILO, JAN. 9 (CENTRAL NEWS).—THE FIRST MAJOR VICTORY SINCE THE NEW YEAR WAS SCORED BY THE CHINESE FORCES LAST WEEK-END IN THE HUNAN-HUPEH BORDER REGIONS FOLLOWING A SEVERE BATTLE AROUND YANGLOWSZE AND LINSIANG LASTING A DAY AND A NIGHT.

The Japanese there are reported to be now in full retreat to Yanglowsze, Yutseh and other points, abandoning large numbers of wounded, quantities of military supplies, and important documents on the way. More than 300 bodies were

The Japanese infantry, cavalry and artillery units launched their multi-pronged drive on the Chinese at Huangchiling south of Yanglowsze on January 4. In support of the drive, forces in south Hupeh pushed westward of Tungcheng and Chungyang to threaten the Chinese rear.

Fighting reached the height on the following morning when the Chinese launched a furious counter-offensive featuring by close-quarter fighting and bayonet charges on the enemy. At noon, the Japanese threw their whole weight into another attack with the support of artillery which hurled tons of shells into the Chinese positions. While tenaciously holding their ground, the Chinese despatched a unit to make a detour to the enemy rear. The Japanese were surprised, panic-stricken, and fled pell-mell.

An Itu despatch reports a daring Chinese attack on a Japanese post south-east of Shasi, on the north bank of the Yangtze River below Kiangling in central Hupeh, and their recapture of Chuankiao and Yaowan there on January 4. The counter-offensive on the following morning supported by artillery and some tanks. Fighting is reported to be still in progress around Yaowan.

Famous London Places Damaged In Nazi Raids

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Westminster Cathedral, Westminster City Hall and the Temple were among the buildings damaged in the recent air raid it is disclosed to-night.

Several incendiaries and high explosives fell in the City Hall and set the first floor of the council chamber afire. The chamber was burnt out and the contents fell to the ground floor.

A considerable amount of superficial damage was done to the building. The robbing room was badly damaged by water. The staff on duty tackled the fire bravely until the fire fighters arrived. The city records and archives and the race were removed some time ago to various parts of the country as were portraits of past mayors and pictures of historical scenes. There were no casualties.

Nazi Press Pillories Roosevelt

Furious Outburst Over Congress Message

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BERLIN, Jan. 8 (UP).—The entire German press this afternoon in an outburst of inspired editorials angrily described President Roosevelt's message of Congress as "provocative, aggressive and war mongering," declaring that no United States assistance would save Britain from her fate.

The "Deutsche Algemeine Zeitung" said: "The speech is crammed with provocations, throwing suspicion on the Axis Powers, Japan and the Soviet Union."

The "Boersen Zeitung" claims that the statement regarding the European new order as being worse than Versailles is "tendentious, untrue and propagandistic."

Italian Communique

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" in the first comment regarding President Roosevelt's message to Congress, describes the speech as a "pile of historical falsifications, irresponsible insinuations and unqualified spitefulness. The mask is simultaneously lifted ruthlessly from warponner No. 1 and war profiteer No. 1, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Rome Makes Promise

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Axis is indifferent to the New World, according to a statement broadcast by Rome radio on President Roosevelt's speech to Congress.

The radio announcer added, "Roosevelt repeats the absurd opinion that the victory of the Axis would constitute a menace to America although anybody with a knowledge of European affairs knows perfectly well that the first principle of the Axis policy is always the Monroe Doctrine, namely, complete disinterestedness in the New World."

"We are prepared to go further. By the New World we mean not only the North and South American continents but also Australia, New Zealand and all the islands of the Pacific."

"What we resent," the announcer said later, "is that the American President should impose his system on us and if any attempt is made to do so then it will mean war, but it will not be we who are the aggressors. It will be America."

Greeks Will Not Yield

Minister's Assurance

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—"Whatever the circumstances the Greeks will not yield," declared the Press Minister, M. Nicoloudis, replying to New Year wishes from foreign correspondents.

He said, "Our great leader and premier General Metaxas, by his heroic refusal on the night of October 28 to submit to Italian violence brought back a tired world to its realisation of duty, of dying for honour and liberty."

"The struggle continues and will be long and hard. We do not know what complications, what forces, what trials we shall have to face, but you can tell your countries and the world that the Greeks will not be afraid. They will not yield; they will fight on to the end and will conquer."

Tribute To Metaxas

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The creation of a third period of Greek civilisation as a result of the victorious conclusion of the present war was predicted to-day by General Metaxas.

The occasion was the presentation to him of a bronze copy of the statute of Pallas Athene by Macho dating from the sixth century.

Disclaiming credit for creating Greece's moral strength, General Metaxas said that this strength had been dormant and was now re-awakened and given a forward impulse.

"The miracle that has been accomplished is the work of the Greek people. It is in this that its significance lies," concluded the Premier.

Italy Calling Up More Men

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". ROME, Jan. 8 (UP).—It was announced that the calling up of the 1921 and 1922 classes will affect 500,000 men. The first class will be sent to barracks immediately and probably to the front, while the second class will be physically examined, beginning January 16.

An Expert Debunks Rumanian Oil Tales

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—"Germany is not getting more than one-fifth of the available oil out of Rumania, according to figures I recently received, and now with the Danube frozen, I doubt whether she is getting one-tenth."

So declared Mr H. G. Austin, who has just returned from Rumania where he was engaged for six years in the installation of petroleum equipment, speaking at the Fuel Luncheon Club in London.

He said that the position in Rumania was much more favourable to Britain than they were led to expect.

"The impression that Rumania is pro-Nazi and is helping the Germans in every way is quite wrong, and I am not surprised that there are conflicts there. I am quite sure that acts of sabotage will continue and increase, and that the Germans will be forced to send considerably more troops to keep the Rumanians down if they are to obtain any benefits from the resources of the country."

Lurid Reports Unconfirmed
LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Some-what better light was shed on the situation in Rumania in a telegram received yesterday by the Foreign Office from the British Minister in Bucharest.

The telegram refers to a "lot of grumbling" among the people concerning the arrival of German troops but does not confirm the more lurid stories published abroad of large-scale rioting and sabotage.

Increasing Trouble

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". BUDAPEST, Jan. 8 (UP).—The Hungarian press displays reports from Sofia and Belgrade regarding increasing troubles in Rumania. The despatches claim that General Antonescu has been forced to place

Drastic Cut In Meat Rations In Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Jan. 8 (UP).—Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, announced the second drastic cut within three days in Britain's meat rations, following a conference with representatives of the catering trade.

It is understood that the Ministry of Food may soon prohibit hotels and restaurants to serve two of the following dishes at a single meal—fish, meat, poultry, cheese or egg in the shell.

Lord Woolton is at present under fire from many quarters for his alleged institution of rationing and price fixing for the benefit of the rich at the expense of the poor, and also his alleged tax efforts to meet the increasing serious food problems, as well as permitting the better class hotels and restaurants to serve "luxury meals."

THE AMY JOHNSON MYSTERY

Air Ministry Theory

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Mystery still surrounds the death of Amy Johnson, the famous British airwoman, who was drowned after falling out of the plane which crashed in the Thames Estuary on Sunday.

It has now been established, states the Ministry of Aircraft Production, that when Miss Johnson left the airfield on Sunday morning, no passenger accompanied her. The weather report given her was bad and her parting words were "All right, I am going to the top."

This indicated that she proposed to fly over the bad weather with clouds below her.

Nothing more was seen of Miss Johnson's plane until it came down over the Thames Estuary. The machine carried sufficient petrol for a 4½ hours flight—the exact time between the take-off and the crash.

Her scheduled flight should have taken one hour.

One Parachute Seen
Only one parachute was observed to leave the plane before it hit the water.

It is believed that Miss Johnson lost her course in the bad weather. After flying round for several hours, her petrol became exhausted and she finally bailed out over the Thames Estuary, possibly hoping to alight as near as possible to one of the vessels in the naval convoy.

LONDON, Jan. 8 (British Wireless).—The total number of registered unemployed in December 31, 1940, was 715,270 and is the lowest recorded since 1921.

Uncle Sam's People Face Heavier Taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—Stiff increases in income tax and excess profits tax are predicted by officials as the immediate result of President Roosevelt's budget proposals.

Tax revenues under the present budget programmes will reach the highest point in American history, but nevertheless President Roosevelt recommended additional taxation. Ways and means, however, were left to Congress.

Tax experts consider income tax the most logical means of raising additional revenue.

Increases in gift and estate levies are also predicted.

An increase of 500 in the number of "G-men" (Federal Bureau of Investigation) to counter espionage and sabotage, is recommended in the budget. The strength of this body already equals the peak of the last war at 1,500.

Wall Street Unmoved

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The publication of Mr Roosevelt's record budget aroused no marked reaction on Wall Street and the market took the news of the huge prospective expenditure with relative calm.

Observers expressed some confusion over the budget's double implications of still higher corporation

Only 600 Casualties In Capture Of Bardia

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (UP).—A General Headquarters communique states: "The concentration of our forces in the Tobruk area is continuing. The total British and Australian casualties, including those captured, are 600."

"Active patrolling continues on the Sudan and Kenya frontiers."

A further communique states that General Berganzoli and other officers are "still missing. The search is continuing."

Arabs Impressed

ADEN, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—One result of the British victory at Bardia is the change of opinion in Britain's favour in the kingdom of Yemen, according to reliable reports received here.

Many prominent people there are stated to have abandoned support for Italy in favour of Britain.

One indication of the general opinion as to the Italian defeat in the war is that the lire is nowhere accepted while sterling circulates freely.

Italian Communique

ROME, Jan. 8 (UP).—To-day's communique stated: "Patrols and artillery were active between Bardia and Tobruk. British planes raided various localities, including Tripoli, killing four and wounding ten. Italian planes torpedoed a British destroyer near El Sollum. Italian Naval units shelled the roads on the Greek-Albanian coast. Italians repulsed a Greek attempt to attack the Italian advance positions in which the Greeks suffered heavy losses."

Losses And Thefts

The theft of a suitcase valued at \$30 from her home at 1, Tramway Path, sometime between midnight last night and 7 o'clock this morning, has been reported to the Police by Miss Bliss.

Lo Kwok-shi, residing at 101, High Street, lost a camera, money and other property to the value of \$43 when someone broke into her home yesterday.

BLOCKADE RELAXED

British Gesture To Hungry France

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—At President Roosevelt's personal request, a special shipload of foodstuffs and clothing is to pass through the blockade from the United States to Unoccupied France for distribution under the direct control of the American Red Cross.

The President's request, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare, was addressed to the British Government during the past few days. The goods consist of Vitamin A concentrates and clothing.

Blockade To Continue

It is stressed in authoritative quarters that this concession, which is being made solely for the relief of children in Unoccupied France, in no way alters the British policy of blockading France as a whole.

The fact that the administration of the relief goods is being undertaken by the American Red Cross is considered sufficient guarantee that they will in fact reach the children for whom they are intended. The goods are being shipped in the same vessel as the cargo of wheat consigned to Spain by the United States, which was unloaded at a Spanish port, the vessel will proceed to a port in Unoccupied France.

Another Consignment

In addition to this shipload, it is understood that a small consignment of Vitamin A concentrates which had been detained in Bermuda, will be able to proceed. It is being taken to Unoccupied France by the well-known dress designer, Madame Schlaparelli, who is returning from the United States to Paris.

It was stated to-day that if the present shipment safely reaches its proper destination, further quantities of relief food for children in Unoccupied France will be allowed through the blockade from time to time.

President Roosevelt, it was added, was well aware of the distinction in such cases between Occupied and Unoccupied France.

New Raid On El Bassan

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—A successful raid on military stores and buildings in El Bassan was made yesterday by R.A.F. bombers, says an R.A.F. communique issued from headquarters in Greece.

Show, sleet and rain were falling in the target area, making observation difficult, but high explosive and incendiary bombs were seen to hit several buildings and a number of fires were started.

All aircraft returned safely despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

Vichy Delay Riles Berlin

Pliant Cabinet Wanted

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The German Government is still impatient about the delay in the Cabinet reconstruction at Vichy in favour of the Germans, and the German-controlled radio at Oslo to-day gave some indication of what the Nazis want.

It was expected, said the Oslo radio, that M. Bonnet (who is a noted pro-German) will join the Cabinet and that other ministers not favoured by Germany will go.



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AN AGE-OLD PRACTICE

AMONG THE PLAYING FAULTS on the hockey field, one of the most common, and, perhaps, the cause of many an accident is that of wrongly tackling from an opponent's left.

While most definitely barred by the Rules of the game, the action is frequently seen even in first-class hockey, and the practice of fouling an opponent is an old one.

It is one thing to make it illegal in Rules, but it is another for an umpire to be strict in its enforcement and interpretation. It is dealt with in Rule 10 (g) which says:

"...nor attack from an opponent's left unless he touch the ball before he touch the stick or person of his opponent."

Not every player can be adjudged of being guilty of deliberate fouling. Much of it is due

(a) to a quick tackle whereby he unwittingly touches the person or stick of his opponent before touching the ball.

(b) to clumsiness or ignorance in making a tackle, or

(c) to making a forlorn and last minute effort to get at the ball.

In doing this, the player either touches the stick of his opponent or, most likely, charges or bumps into him.

Prevalent Practice

IN my opinion, nothing that the International Board can do to re-draft clause (a) of Rule 10 will ever preclude the common practice of so much definite fouling when tackling on an opponent's left. It is prevalent in Interport and first-class matches!

In spite of good, bad or indifferent umpiring, much of this fouling is a weekly occurrence in the league games each week-end.

Slack Umpiring

SOME umpires, of course, who are hawk-eyed, penalise such an infringement instantly, but there are others who seem slow to detect it and allow "body" play to continue without any check.

But when there are no particular instances of this fouling, it may not always be due to a lack of knowledge of an ordinary umpire or that he fails to detect the offence. Very often the most competent of umpires is badly unaided or positioned when the offence takes place and fails to see the infringement.

Nevertheless there must be a great number of players, no matter what match category they play, who are habitual offenders, and even when pulled up by the umpire fail to make clean tackling a special feature when going for the ball on the left side.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS

Macao Anxious To Entertain Visitors

I HAVE RECEIVED a letter from the Secretary of the Macao Hockey Club, and he informs me that Macao is anxiously waiting for week-end visits from Hongkong teams.

They are also keen that the Interport match be played this year, as it is our turn to visit Macao.

The matter is to be discussed at a Council meeting of the H.K.H.A. which will be held next Thursday.

THE Umpires Association, I am glad to see, is taking a keener interest in its work. Umpires are now supplied with cards where results of matches are to be recorded, and later posted to the Secretary. Officiating officials are also required to sign the cards.

Capt. Martin, the President, who takes an active part in umpiring himself, will, I am sure, see that no stone is left unturned as far as the welfare of umpiring and the umpires is concerned.

R. MARQUES, the popular Recreio right-half who has been out of the game since the season commenced, participated in his first match last Sunday when his Club defeated the 5th A.A. Bats. "B". He seems to have fully recovered from his arm injury and gave a good account of himself.

ROYAL Engineers, who suffered their second defeat in the League at the hands of Khalsa last Sunday, were again without the services of two of the better players—Shaw (inside-left) and Taylor (right back)—who were reserving themselves for a football match. The Sappers have just returned from camp and have not fully recovered from the effects or after-effects of the New Year!

THE Triangular Tournament games between the Navy, Army and Hongkong R.C. are due to commence next month. The civilians will find the Army a very difficult hurdle to overcome this year. The games should prove most interesting.

Lai Wah Cup And Junior Shield Football Draws

The draw for the first round proper of the Junior Shield and the Lai Wah Cup competitions was held at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Council yesterday, and resulted as follows:

Junior Shield.—Royal Scots or Chinese Amateur Sports Club v. South China; R.E. or Kowloon v. 30th R.A. or Club; R.A.M.C. v. Police; Eastern v. Navy; Sing Tao v. B. v. Kit Chee or Sing Tao v. A. v. 30th R.A. or R.A.O.C. v. Signals; Middlesex or R.A.S.C. v. 12th R.A. or 24th R.A.; Kwong Wah v. International. Cup.—Army v. China; Civilians v. Navy.

The Chairman, Mr. Wong Ka-son, said that as a result of the cancellation of the Interport series with Shanghai, it had been decided to play the Lai Wah Cup matches on the dates reserved. Accordingly, the Civilians v. Navy match would be played on the 20th, and the Army v. China game on the following day at Causeway Bay. Popular prices would be charged for both games.

Mr. Wong also said that the Secretary of the Shanghai Football Association had sent a letter, explaining why a team could not be sent. The reasons given were: (1) the present uncertain political situation; (2) the impossibility of arranging transportation facilities within a fixed time limit for the return of the players; and the difficulty of obtaining permission to land in Hongkong; and (3) the difficulty of players in obtaining leave. The letter expressed the hope that a team would be able to come to Hongkong next year.



The Khalsa-Royal Engineers Tournament League match in progress at Sookunpoo last Sunday.—Ming Yuen.

ASSN. TOURNAMENT

Skill Triumphs Over Vigour

Khalsa 3 R.E. 1

KHALSA'S SKILL overcame the Royal Engineers' vigour in a fast and interesting league encounter at Sookunpoo last Sunday morning.

Taking the field with ten men, Khalsa were on the defensive for practically 20 minutes, and just after the arrival of A.E.Souza, the late comer, Sappers drew first blood through Holmberg off a centre from Singleton.

Some furious exchanges followed, and the visitors got on even terms when Kaminder Singh sent in a beauty from the right wing and Awtar Singh banged it in for a goal. The Indians were now on the offensive, but could not take the lead before the interval arrived as Croston, Sappers' right back, was playing a grand game, and time and again prevented them from scoring.

Khalsa On Top

KHALSA started the second half well, and after ten minutes of constant pressure Gurbachan Singh beat Dobson with a low drive from just within the circle.

This goal galvanised Khalsa into new life. Their attack, not only impressive in the first half, found power and skill. The forwards were fed persistently and responded in magnificent style.

A. P. Souza put the result beyond doubt when he scored the third goal after some tricky dribbling.

M. H. Hassan, as pivot, was in fine fettle and received good support from his wing halves. Awtar Singh as a leader worked out many good moves, and Gurbachan Singh, though he hung on to the ball too long at times, was always a live wire.

The wing men did their part and kept the home defence busy.

Sappers' defence gave way in the closing stages with Whitaker and Goodwin experiencing a bad day indeed. Dobson and Holmberg were always on the alert but lacked the much needed support of their halves.

Excellent Game In Large Units Tourney

M'sex 3 Rajputs 3

ONE OF THE BEST games seen in the Large Units Tournament was played at Shumshuipo last Sunday afternoon when in a fast and strenuously contested encounter six goals were shared by the Middlesex and Rajputana Regiments.

Highlights of the match were the three splendid goals scored by Bright, the Mids' centre-forward, and the equalising goals in succession by Capt. S. W. Wood, Rajputs' centre-half, of short corner hits.

Out of a total of four short corners, Wood converted three—a brilliant achievement. The Mids, who were always on the offensive in the first half, took the lead after 15 minutes play when Bright got his stick to a first timer off a good centre from Moggridge.

The Rajputs took some time to settle down, and before they could hit back, the interval arrived.

Indians Retaliate

IN the second half the Indians settled down to better hockey with Innayat Ali shining, particularly in the way he switched the ball out to Lt. Coal on the right wing. The latter made good use of his speed.

Engr. Mohd. al-Insaidi, also caught the eye with his clever stick-work.

Forcing their first short corner within ten minutes, Capt. Wood equalised from the hit. Mids again forced the pace and Bright scored two brilliant goals to complete his hat-trick.

But Rajputs equalised through Capt. Wood from two further short corners.

In the closing stages, the visitors tightened up and by quick tackling allowed the Mids forwards no scope. The home wings were completely bottled up by the wing halves, and Capt. Wood must be congratulated on a fine afternoon's work.

The Mids' halves, Ure, Crowley and Waldron, were splendid workers, with Stickley outstanding at right back. A draw was a fair reflection of the game.

WEEK-END CRICKET

Teams Selected For League Matches

The following will represent the K.C.C. in their league cricket matches on Saturday:

First Eleven (versus Craigengower, away): E. C. Finch, N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmermann, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay, E. F. Finch, F. H. Zimmermann and R. T. Broadbridge. Umpire, J. P. Robinson; scorer, R. Leigh.

Second Eleven (versus Hongkong University, at home): S. A. Gray, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, W. L. Rapley, T. A. Madair, K. M. Baxter, H. Brookes, F. Goodwin, Major W. W. Parsons, R. J. Fenton, and J. R. Luke. 12th man, G. W. Giffen.

K.C.C. v. Volunteers

A Volunteers eleven will meet a K.C.C. team in an all-day friendly match at the K.C.C. on Sunday, starting at 11.30. The following teams have been chosen.

Volunteers: L. T. Hild, K. J. Attwell, K. M. Baxter, D. G. Day, W. S. Gegg, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, T. Lock, T. A. Madair, A. E. Perry and E. Zimmermann. Scorer, C. E. Gahagan.

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Indian Teams

The following are the Indian R. C. teams for Saturday's Cricket League matches: 1st XI v. University (away)—K. Narsarin (Capt.), M. el Arculli, A. H. Minu, K. M. Humjain, A. H. Madair, M. P. Madair, S. A. Jamil, A. H. Kitchell, A. H. Kamal, A. H. Humjain and A. N. Other. 2nd XI v. Craigengower C.C. (home)—St. R. Adams (Capt.), A. H. Jamil, H. T. Barma, M. I. Razack, A. H. Sufiad, F. A. Cureem, T. Ali, A. el Arculli, Jr., A. M. Humjain, J. M. A. Humjain and M. H. Hassan.

Recreio Teams

The following will represent Club de Recreio in League and friendly Cricket fixtures on Saturday at 2 p.m.:

1st XI v. Army (friendly, at home)—E. L. Gosano, W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodrigues, H. L. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Bettar, A. P. Pereira Jr., M. M. Mendonca and A. M. Fraia. 2nd XI v. Police (League, away)—E. A. R. Alves (Capt.), P. M. N. da Silva Jr., A. Barros, A. J. M. Fraia, A. E. Noronha, F. H. Carvalho, A. Soares Remedios, D. T. Gosano, M. D'Almada Remedios and A. H. D'Almada Remedios.

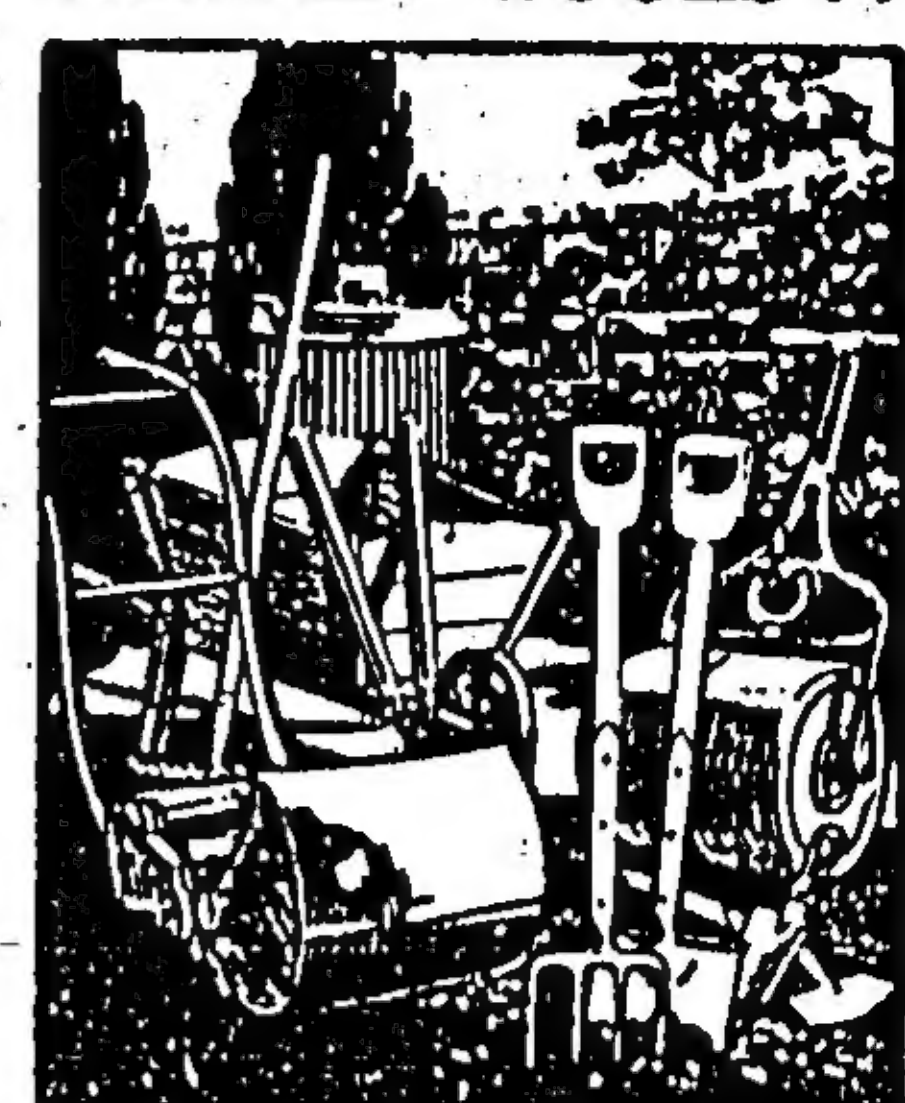
Bowls Rinks For Saturday's Game

The following have been provisionally selected to play for the Northumberland and Durham Association in the intra-association Bowls match to be held on Saturday, at the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club: W. Greig, S. Hodges, N. L. Smith, J. Wood, J. Fraser, N. Hardie, Dean Wilson, J. Tadd, T. W. Carr, M. E. Purvis, E. L. Starling, E. Cermene, J. MacGowan, T. E. Pearce, D. Kossick, J. S. R. Humble, C. Cowland, J. Kempsey, A. D. Spoor, T. Waller, T. Coleman, I. Houston, W. J. Costa, G. Anderson, W. Hudson, W. McMillan, A. Tate, J. McPherson, G. Henderson, W. Morrison, G. Bertram, W. Revie.

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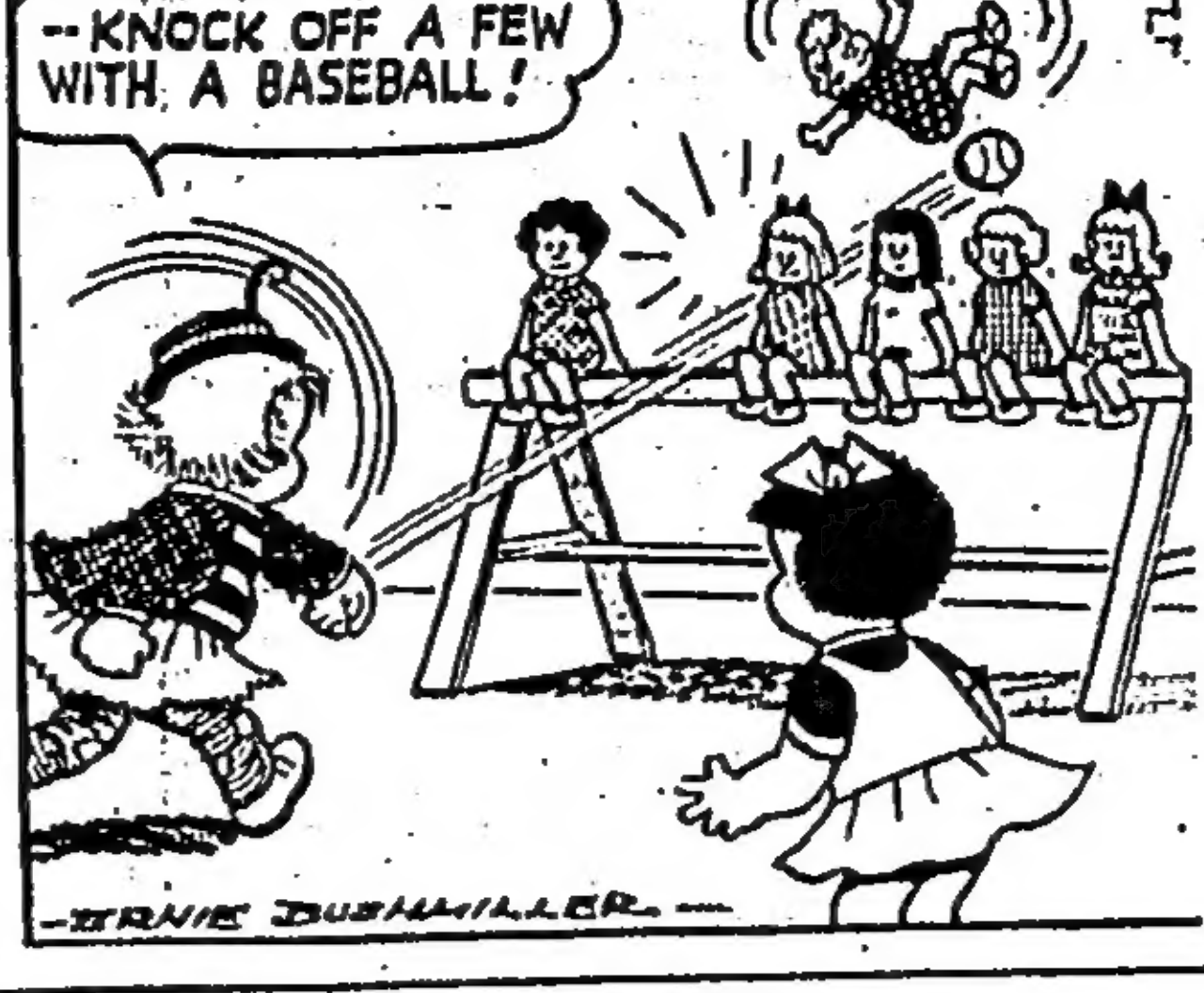
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Vain Italian Effort To Stop The Greeks

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announced that one area of the coastal sector in the interior north of Chimeria has been entirely mopped up.

The Greeks have occupied an important strongly fortified position in the Mokra mountains.

Italians Desperate

SOFIA, Jan. 8 (UP).—The Athens radio announced that "the fact that 35,000 Italian soldiers yesterday evacuated from Valona shows the desperate situation of the Italian forces."

"We have had some new successes between Tepelini and Klisura where the Italian troops are now in a desperate situation."

Heavy Artillery In Action

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (UP).—Sources in the Pogradetz sector say that the Italian in the Mokra mountains are using heavy guns capable of firing a distance of 10 miles. They are mounted on railway cars to take the recoil and increase their mobility.

Local Fighting

ATHENS, Jan. 8 (UP).—The War Ministry announced: "To-day was restricted to local fighting. We have captured 300 Italian soldiers and abundant war materials of all sorts including many automatic rifles and a whole battery of mortars."

"Our aviation successfully bombed and machine-gunned the enemy. Greek planes shot down three Italian planes. All our planes returned safely."

A communiqué stated that the Italians bombarded Salonika but there were no victims and insignificant damage.

Thailand Indo-China Conflict

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tion between Thailand and French Indo-China.

Officially explained that when M. Garreau first arrived here, he was presented as the Chancellor of the French Legation. However, later the French Government at Vichy informed Thailand that M. Garreau had been officially appointed acting Minister and therefore Thailand has accepted his credentials.

REGULUS OVERDUE

Considered Lost

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The British submarine Regulus, (Commander F. B. Currie) is now overdue and must be considered lost, states the Admiralty.

The Regulus was stationed in Hongkong for several years just prior to the outbreak of war.

Spanish Envoy To Italy Recalled

Warned To Be Ready

LONDON, Jan. 8 (Reuter).—The Spanish Ambassador to Italy, Senor Garcia Condey-Mendez, has been recalled and has been told to hold himself at the disposal of the Spanish Foreign Office, says a Madrid dispatch to the "Telegraph" agency.

Senor Mendez became Ambassador to Italy in July, 1937, shortly after an Italian Ambassador had been accredited to General Franco's Government.

Further Raids On Yunnan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" KUNMING, Jan. 7 (UP).—Three Japanese scouting planes ranged over Yunnan to-day, one of which was over Kunming. Yesterday, nine Japanese planes bombed south Yunnan and another nine planes bombed the Yunnan-Burma highway.

19 Killed Aboard British Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LISBON, Jan. 8 (UP).—According to the "Diario Noticias" correspondent at San Vicente Island, Boca Verde, the explosion aboard the British steamer Shakespeare, which was torpedoed off Salsland by an Italian U-boat last Monday, killed 19 members of the crew.

The remaining 23 men disembarked on Salsland.

British Assault On Tobruk Soon

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used in all weathers and is deep enough for large warships.

Closing in On Tobruk ("REUTER" WITH BRITISH HEADQUARTERS)

CAIRO, Jan. 8.—The Italian garrison at Tobruk is unlikely to receive any more reinforcements, and its position is becoming increasingly serious.

No Italian movements are detected by aircraft reconnoitering over the Tobruk area while the British Imperial forces are hourly closing in on this town.

British Headquarters here at Cairo are unwilling to make much comment on the nature of the advance but it is gathered that the operations are proceeding to the "almost satisfaction" of the commanders.

The complete collapse of morale among Generalle forces is illustrated by official disclosures that three Blackshirt commanders deserted their men on the night before Bardia fell.

The whereabouts of General Berganzoli, who commanded the Bardia garrison, remain a mystery. Initially reported captured, he is now stated to be missing.

A military spokesman at Cairo to-night suggested that the Blackshirt General who has since been captured may have been mistaken for Berganzoli. The open rocky nature of the terrain, said the spokesman, doubtless facilitated his escape from Bardia.

Before the British force launched the final onslaught, it might have been possible for a small batch of Italians to creep through the cordon round the town.

COMMUNISTS CHALLENGE

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proposals, Chou En-lai and Yeh Chien-ying proceeded to Chungking on December 31.

In return for the Communist proposals, Communist authorities will undertake to withdraw the New Fourth Army to the north of the Yellow River by the end of March. Observers said that in view of Chungking's recent strong stand, the Communist proposals are not likely to be accepted, but on the contrary will further arouse the feelings of anti-Communist elements in Chungking.

U.S. TO HAVE THREE FLEETS

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spring but this arrangement might be changed without notice.

The increase of 42,000 in personnel raises the Navy's manpower to 232,000 including the reserves on active duty.

More Auxiliary Ships WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, said he would soon ask Congress for authorization to construct 280 auxiliary vessels.

In-Laws Would Not Let Him In

A MAN whose wife left him on their wedding day was granted a decree nisi at Newcastle Assizes recently because of her desertion.

The case for the husband, Fred Maurice Slec, of Tamworth-road, Newcastle, was that immediately after the marriage on Feb. 27, 1935, he and his wife went to her people.

They were hostile towards him and refused to let him into the house. His wife would not live with him and he had never lived with her.

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